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The Chief's Column — Madam Arabella Kincaid of Kincaid

Fellow Kincaids, Kinsfolk, Friends,

It is hard to believe how many things have changed beyond our imaginations since the wonderful Clan Gathering James Brisbin and Hugh Kincaid organised for us to enjoy at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games two years ago. Not forever we trust, but for now it is masks, quarantines, anti-bac gel everywhere we go, no graduations or rites of passage for our young people again this year (over here in Britain at least) it could all look quite depressing. Indeed some of it is quite depressing! Anxiety lurks ready to swell the numbers of her ranks and then.... without the noise and hyperbole of coronavirus reporting the garden beckons where the birds are nesting and singing and the flowers beginning to display their exquisitely scented blooms. The sun thankfully comes up every morning and my desk awaits with projects to work on including a modest re-wilding scheme we are at the beginning of here at home. Thankfully Covid 19 has not quite stopped the world turning but the twin themes to which we always return of faith and family become more important than ever as other things are stripped away for the time being. For many elderly, in Britain at least, even a hug from a family member cannot be taken for granted.

As ever as we do not have to look back too far in history to remind ourselves that disease, hardship and battles have always afflicted humanity from the least to the greatest throughout history. In *A History of the Scottish People 1560-1830* which I was reading this morning It is evident that back in the 1400's in Scotland there was much political manoeuvring for power during the long years of one minority monarch after another acceding to the throne.

“James 1st after he emerged from captivity in 1424, was a strong and reforming monarch who did his best to restore the faded prestige of kingship: his reign ended on an assassin’s dagger in 1437 and for nearly two hundred years after that every Scottish monarch came to the throne as a child. James II succeeded at the age of six years, James III at eight years, James IV at fifteen years and James V at one year, Mary Queen of Scots at only one week and James VI at one year.”

Where there was a child monarch, ambitious nobles were never far away. The Scots people must have longed for a strong and capable adult monarch to lead them. A situation hard to imagine these days with Queen Elizabeth II still on the throne at the age of 95 and still nobly carrying out hundreds of engagements each year and with three heirs in the direct line of succession.

This year in April the 275th anniversary of the Battle of Culloden (fought on 16th

April 1746 on Drummoissie moor overlooking Inverness) was marked on-line for a second time by the National Trust together with the Gaelic Society. There has been a gathering annually on Culloden Moor since 1924 to commemorate the fallen. This most poignant of battles (that was over in just under an hour) was the decisive end to the Jacobite cause and changed the face of Scotland dramatically. The brave Highlanders who gave their lives in support of Bonnie Prince Charlie's quest for the Scottish throne were outnumbered and outgunned. Culloden Moor is now probably the most important battlefield site in Britain. It is effectively a mass grave with the fallen of many clans remembered with a stone memorial. We know Kincaid's were present at Culloden although not how many. Of course the Outlander series is fiction but I am sure we all enjoyed the fact that of the 30 men who accompanied Jamie Fraser to the battle of Culloden, was called Kincaid! As the saying goes "There is no smoke without fire"! Almost 300 years after the battle, Murray Pittcock, Professor of English Literature at the University of Glasgow writes this:

"The irony is that a federal British Isles under a single crown, which had existed between 1603 and 1707 and is effectively what the Jacobites wanted, is closer to where we are today than the victors of Culloden could ever have imagined."

Over the winter I, together with the superb help of a small team of Kincaids, have been working on an interactive Clan Kincaid Map which will hopefully be a great addition to our website when it is finished. Anyone travelling to Scotland will, should they wish, be able to use it to help plan their Kincaid history touring. I hope to take a family trip this summer holidays to try out the route. We have all enjoyed reading a little more into some of the branches of the clan and working out what I hope will be a 'Top Ten' places to visit in and around Edinburgh with Clan Kincaid significance.

Whilst giving time to reading a little more widely as the project unfolds, I have come across some extraordinary claims which I either know to be untrue or have no idea where they came from which I thought I would share below. This has certainly allowed for some light heartedness to come into the proceedings. I think in today's parlance it would be "fake news"!

These two gems came from Kyncade Tower (Notes from Campsie Parish):

"This shows the Lennoxes, or LeLevenax to have been of the Norman invasion, of about 1400, and of recent advent in Scotland, compared to the Kincaids who date at least prior to 503"
"It was Miss Margaret Lennox who had the bones of all the Kincaids who had fallen in battle from Bannockburn on, gathered and placed in the Lennox Vault in the Clachan Kirkyard and the vault sealed..."

Now that would have been quite a feat.

What fun! We learn as we live trying to run with what is true or right and shake out the dross. Living now day by day we are creating the history people will read of in years to come. As they do so may the name of Kincaid be always associated with honour, valour, kindness and an ability to stand for all that is good in this world.

Yours aye,
Arabella.

A Message from the President

I am sure we are all ready to get back to normal following over a year of restrictions concerning Covid 19. It is my hope that many Highland Games will resume in 2021.

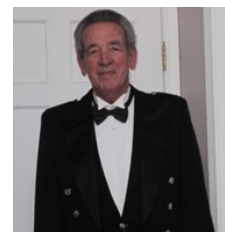
There was an article in Issue 103, March 2021 of the "Defender" concerning the Kincaid Scholarship in the Scottish Arts. I want to take this opportunity to honor and pay tribute to William (Bill) H. Kincaid and to explain how the Scholarship became a reality. Bill is a founding member (L-003) of Clan Kincaid. He joined the St. Andrews Society of Detroit (SASD) in December of 1985 and is a current member. He chaired the Highland Games at Historic Fort Wayne in 1988. He served as SASD Treasurer and as its President in 1991-1992.

With his own family and friends he started a Scholarship Fund at St. Andrews Society of Detroit to encourage young people to get involved and participate in Highland Games through the Scottish Arts of bagpiping, dance, and drumming. He ran the Scholarship program for many years. In 2003 the Scholarship program was renamed to honor William Kincaid and his meaningful contribution to the SASD. The Scholarship is funded 100% by raffle tickets sold each year during the Highland Games sponsored by SASD. Raffle tickets sold in 2020 generated \$8,900 for the Scottish Arts Program.

The St. Andrews Society is very proud of its Kincaid Scholarship program and the number of Scholarship grants that are provided each year.

We at Clan Kincaid Association International are very proud of William H. Kincaid for his contributions to both organizations.

Aye yours, David Kincaid , Clan Kincaid President (M-073)



A Call for a Clan Secretary and Chief Commissioner

Anyone interested in becoming the Clan Kincaid Association International Secretary or our Chief Commissioner?

If so, you're in luck! If you are interested in filing this position, please reach out to our President, David Kincaid at dkincaid1956@aol.com.

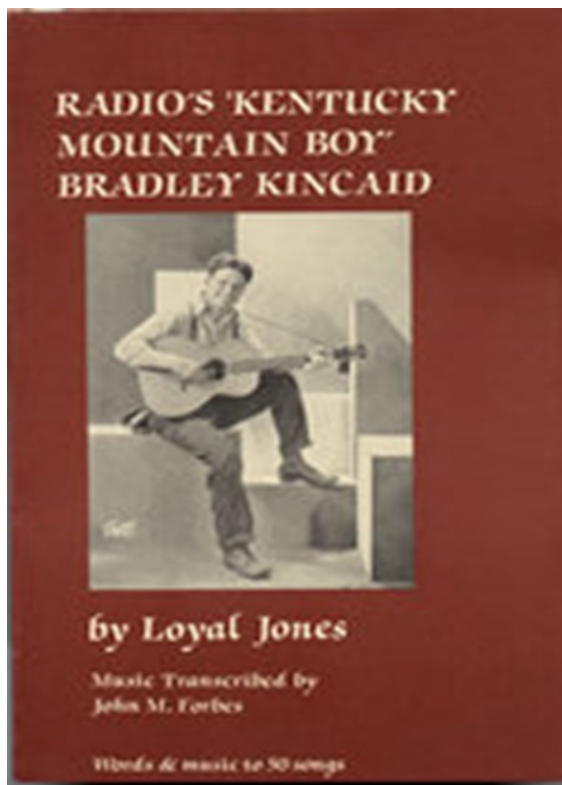
Responsibilities and Duties can be reviewed on the Clan Kincaid Association International website under the Constitution Tab. Please review past Defender Issues as another resource. We look forward to welcoming new volunteers on the Board.

Thank you!



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Books Available through the Wee Shopper



Radio's "Kentucky Mountain Boy," Bradley Kincaid, by Loyal Jones



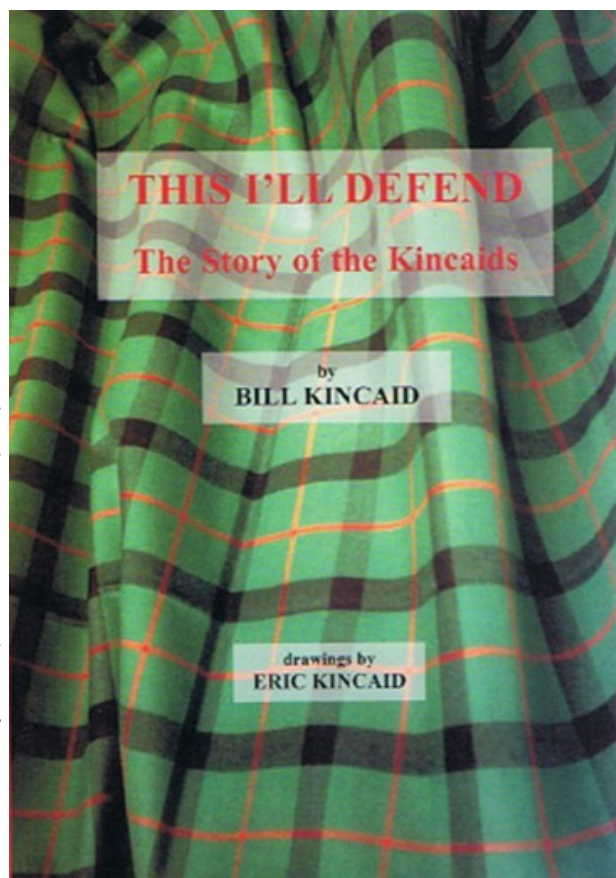
This biography of the early collector, singer and radio star also contains the words and music to 50 of his songs and notes on his 332-song repertoire, a recording discography, 42 pictures and an index. \$10.00 each, plus \$3.00 each shipping (discounted on multiple copies.) Checks and PayPal only.

This I'll Defend: The Story of the Kincaids

Copies of "This I'll Defend: The Story of the Kincaids," by the late Brigadier Bill Kincaid, are available through the Wee Shopper. The hardcover copies have been reprinted and a quantity of the new paperback copies also are available.

Hardcover copies are \$30.00 each and paperback copies \$20.00, plus \$5.00 each for shipping and handling. (Shipping costs for multiple copies vary based on quantities requested and are quoted separately.) [We accept checks and PayPal only.](#)

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Why Genealogy?

By the Seanchaidh, James Brisbin

Many readers of “The Defender” are amateur genealogists and perhaps even a few are professionals. We all identify with the Kincaid Family in one way or another. Some are relatively new to this endeavour of finding ancestors while others are continuing and/or preserving the work of others in the family. So this begs the question, WHY?

Those who make a hobby of collection things have a goal of reducing the number of things yet to collect. If one collects stamps and finds one more to add to their collection then there is one less to find. Bird watchers can check off another species when they make a visual confirmation leaving a shorter list. Even travelers can take satisfaction that they have one less country to visit as they explore a new destination. Yet genealogists continually create new problems for themselves for when they discover a new ancestor it creates two new problems – who were their parents (or four new problems – who were their grandparents? And so forth). There can be no final goal only the frustration as leads disappear in the mists of unrecorded history. We are still left with the question – Why Bother?

Other than our siblings, no one else shares our exact ancestry. Venturing even one generation in either direction (up or down/ earlier or later) removes half the interest in our family heritage unless we are researching lines whose DNA is not within us. Genealogists are often puzzled why others in their family take little or no interest in their research. They ponder what will become of all their efforts when they are gone. So why do we do it?

Could it be that there is a profit motive behind all the work? Not likely, for there has not been a family history book, collection of charts, photo album or repository of files on the “Best Sellers” list. In fact, genealogy can be an expensive pursuit with little return (if any) in a monetary form. So why is genealogy one of the most popular forms of activity today?

The answer can be complex. There are those who feel an obligation to provide their family with a heritage. The inspiration for this obligation might come from a family member, it might be prompted by the media (Think the “Roots” series of the 1970s). It might be instilled in us by our cultural roots. The “Bible” is based in genealogy. Ancestor worship is common in many cultures.

There is the challenge of pure research – getting at the truth. We live in an era when there can be many truths and we are constantly questioning what is really true. Genealogists revel in discovering documents that can identify ancestors. Sometimes it is as simple as a census record, a church record, a military record, a gravestone, etc. Sometimes it is a combination of events, geographic locations or even a “preponderance of evidence”.

Then there are those who have a love of history. They place ancestors in the larger picture of historical events. Grandfather was at “D-Day”. Great Great Grandmother sailed around Cape Horn. Great Great Great Grandfather was at the coronation of Queen Victoria. Interest in historical events is greatly heightened when one has a personal connection. One is reminded of the statement that – “Those who ignore history are condemned to repeat it”. Genealogy expands one’s knowledge of history and also geography as one becomes acquainted with places unknown.

There can always be a role of being the go to person in the family when someone wants to know about family connections. Genealogists are often the instigators of family reunions, clan gatherings, festival displays, etc. where family can gather to renew or establish connections. Genealogists enjoy the unique role of knowing what others in the family want to know but may not be willing to make the effort to learn.

Whatever the motivation, all of us owe a debt of gratitude to the genealogists who provide the “Ties that Bind” family together and help to give each of us that unique identity that we so enjoy. Learn more about your family and share that knowledge with future generations. They will come to appreciate that knowledge someday.



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

Hugh Kincaid, (M-877)

Well, it's hard to believe! There are a few places that have deemed it safe enough to host highland games and clan gatherings.

My first opportunity to represent our clan, since our grand gathering at the Grandfather Mountain Games in July of 2019, came in May at the Smoky Mountain Highland Games in Maryville, TN. It was obvious that there was plenty of pent-up demand because the organizers and vendors seriously underestimated the attendance. I saw that as a great thing. The vendors were disappointed they couldn't meet the demand and had to disappoint anyone. We had lots of curious visitors and even a couple of Kincaids. One distant cousin even took a membership application to strengthen his bond with our clan! One very young lady saw my picture of Mickey Mouse (my employer) dressed in our tartan and asked if his last name was Kincaid!! Then when she saw the picture of Madam Arabella, she asked if she was a princess. I assured her that she certainly is!!

I am now planning for the Grandfather Mountain Games, July 8-12, 2021. Here is a video the Games produced for the "Raising of the Clans".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84BPEoSatJg>

Kincaid is at 23:37. Aye Kincaid!



Greetings from the Communication Director

I hope everyone is staying cool and comfortable this summer. We're experiencing some spectacular heat here in the Pacific Northwest and I can do nothing but dream about misty cool mornings these days.

As Games start to slowly open up, like the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, I strongly encourage every one to send us updates and photos! We love to see our Kincaid community out in the world. Here's a link to the Games that Hugh shared with us: <https://gmhg.org/> for those in that area.

We are also seeking a Clan Secretary and Chief Commissioner. Both these positions are very important to the operation of the CKAI and we look forward to welcoming you to the team! If you are interested, please reach out to the President, David Kincaid, or myself.

In kinship, Emily Silversparre (F-003) Communications Director

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PLAN AHEAD: In most cases, your order will be shipped within 7 days of receipt. However, if we run short of any item(s) and need to restock them, we'll notify you by mail/email. You may then choose whether to wait or have your payment returned. If you have any questions about ordering, please email shop@clankincaid.org or call (502) 897-0585.

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For orders outside the U.S.: Please contact Rick Kincaid in advance to determine the postage rate to include.



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\$10.00

Made of 100% cotton; available in adult sizes: S-M-L-XL-XXL Order either white



or black shirts: White with green lettering/art - Clan Crest on front along with Kincaid. Black with green lettering/art - Clan Kincaid on upper left front and Clan Crest on back

Clan Sweat-shirts

\$22.00

Made of 50/50 cotton/polyester; available in adult sizes: S-M-L-XL-XXL. Order either white or black shirts: White with green lettering/art - Clan Crest on front along with Kincaid. (currently out of Black)

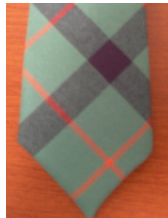


Tartan Tie

\$22.00

X-Long- **\$28.00**

The tie is made in Ancient Kincaid tartan. (55 in & 62 in)



Tartan Sash

\$60.00

In Ancient Kincaid tartan, this 92" ladies sash is for casual or formal wear. Will last a lifetime when proper care is taken.



Clan Crest Cap

\$15.00

This khaki-colored ball cap features our clan crest in 4-color on the front. It is a structured ball-type cap for both men and women.



Clan Crest Badge

\$27.00

This Art Pewter Silver badge is made in East Kibride, Scotland. The badge is normally worn on the hat, but can be used



Clan Crest Pendant

\$27.00

This 1" Clan Crest pendant is made in Scotland of art pewter silver and comes with an 18" chain.



Clan Crest Pins

\$14.50

This art pewter silver pin may be worn by men or women as a lapel pin, tie tack, sweater pin etc. The Crest is ¾ inch in diameter



Color Clansman Print

\$3.00

Beautiful color 8.5" x 11" watercolor type print suitable for framing. Clansman is wearing our Ancient Kincaid tartan. Shipped free if sent alone



Computer Mouse Pad

\$12.00

This standard-size mouse pad features our clan tartan (4-color) with our crest in the center in white and black, Kincaid printed across the bottom.



Tartan Rug/Blanket

\$82.00

Made of 100% lambs wool in Kincaid Ancient tartan, the rug measures 56" x 70".



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\$15.00

Kincaid Ancient tartan and clan crest imprinted on each card. Cards



measure 4¼" x 5½". The pack of 10 cards come with envelopes.

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Luggage Tag in Kincaid Ancient Tartan.



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Pocket Square in Kincaid Ancient Tartan. The Pocket Square measures 10" by 10".



Apron

\$18.00

This full-length apron provides protection, durability and easy care (65/35 poly/cotton twill) with 3 patch pockets to hold essentials. Stone color with clan crest/name in green. Measures 25" wide x 34.5" long



Crest Patch

\$8.00

Clan crest patch, 4-color, measures 3 inches by 3 ¾ inches. For sewing onto clothing, bags, etc.



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\$26.00

Short-sleeved shirt features a flat collar and 3-button placket. Dark green with embroidered 4-color clan crest on left breast with script in black. Made in 100% cotton. Adult sizes S-XXL. When ordering, specify size and whether Woman or Man.

