# CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY

# Newsletter

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#### President's Welcome

As your President I am pleased to let you have our most recent newsletter. I must apologise for the delay in getting this newsletter to you but with other pressures and waiting for news items the delays just seem to have mounted up. Our Society website is continuing to prove a very good vehicle for inter Society communications. People coming onto this website from both the UK and overseas is increasing. Often, they are just general enquiries about our International Society and we are able to point them to the Society in their particular country. Otherwise they are wanting information or wish to join our society and we have had quite a number of new members through this. In

last years' newsletter, for the first time, we requested genealogy enquiries. This has proved a very effective way of getting a wider coverage for such enquiries. Our plan now is to show a number of these enquiries in both this newsletter and on our website so give these enquiries maximum coverage. Can we ask that you reply if there are any that you have information on, or if you might want to find some information for your own family and we will publicise it on our website. We would like to be hearing from many more of you whether it be genealogy enquiries, suggestions for future events or just letting us know about your family news items.



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**Bob Forsyth**President

#### **Annual Gathering 2007**

This year our Annual Gathering was held at the Columba Hotel in Inverness. Prior to the event numbers for people wanting to attend was low but the decision was made to still to go ahead with the event. We started by having an informal discussion then helped ourselves to a buffet and sat down for dinner. Chairman Bob spoke at the end of the meal and thanked everybody for coming. He started by saying that the society recognised the importance of having local reunions to cover pockets of members around the country and how as a society we would probably be hosting more such local events rather than one large event once a year. Bob mentioned some of the initiatives the society were presently involved with. One of which was the handling of genealogy enquiries on the internet. Genealogy would always be the subject that would be of most interest to both new and existing members. Bob thanked both Ben our secretary and his wife Anne for organising the event. Following dinner everybody was entertained to pieces of music played on the fiddle by a student of the local music school. We all agreed how nice it was to see the high standards of music being maintained by this organisation. As for all our reunions there was a raffle for which the proceeds went towards helping pay for the evening. The consensus of opinion was that we should repeat this event in Inverness in the not too distant future.

The photo shows some of those present.





#### **Repeat Performance**

Kieron Forsyth our up and coming actor returned to the Edinburgh Fringe last month where he was playing John Peel in Teenage Kicks. Kieron the son of members Graham and Patricia Forsyth of Eatergate, Sussex first came to the fringe in 1996 where he played Mugsy in Dealers Choice. Since then he has featured in many productions including a TV commercial, Casualty, Wycliffe and The Bill. We wish Kieron the very best fortune for his acting career

#### **Inverness Games**

For the last two years our society have been hosting a stand in the clan tent at the Inverness Games. Thanks to the generousity of the local building firm Tullocks clan societies have been able to have stands in the clan tent at no cost. Bob has hosted the stand for the last couple of years and was very pleased with the level of attendance this year. To encourage people to leave information Bob set up a competition which involved the chance to win a bottle of whisky. A winner was then picked from this list. Mrs Forsyth of Elgin won the prize of a bottle of Bells whisky. She was not a member and had two young sons she had taken up to the stand to 'see their tartan'.

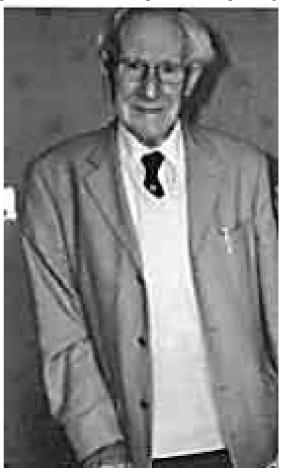
The picture below shows President with local members Willy and Nancy from Avoch.



# **Obituary - George Hawley**

The death occurred in Forres, Moray on 19th of September 2006 of George D Hawley (85) Former genealogist of the Clan Forsyth Society. George's interest in genealogy dated from his teenage years when he began to look into his own family history. On meeting his wife Irene in 1949 he started to trace her branch of the Forsyth family, based in Moray for generations. Thirty years later, following the inauguration of the Chief of the Society in 1979 he was asked by the then genealogist, Claude Cumming Forsyth, to take over the tracing of families of Society members who were interested in their roots. This was the start of a life long passion and he would spend days in New Register House in Edinburgh and evenings working in his study, frequently emerging only at bed time to mutter 'There are too many Forsyths in this world' At annual clan gatherings he would disappear to be found in a quiet corner quizzing

some Forsyth on his or her family details and scribbling often nearly illegible notes to be worked on later. His correspondence with members all over the world led to a fascinating trail of visitors to the Hawley household-Forsyths from all parts of Australia, America, Canada, New Zealand, France and Germany as well as many from Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland. He was able to unite a number of Forsyths with previously unknown relatives. One of his happiest memories was of meeting a Spanish speaking Forsyth family from Peru, and taking them to visit the graves of their great grandparents at Boyndie near Banff in the northeast. The young children of the family were thrilled to learn that the bones of their ancestors lay beneath the old stones they were looking at! Declining health in his eighties forced George to abandon his hobby, as he feared his research might become less accurate - and he hated to make mistakes! His filing cabinet containing details of 500-600 Forsyth families still stands in his study, awaiting an enthusiast who can be relied on to treat the records as conscientiously as he did.



#### **Graham Forsyth**

It's not often we get a chance to put in two stories about somebody.

#### **Photography Award**

Graham Forsyth, son of Willie and Nancy Forsyth of Avoch won the prestigious Scottish Press Photography awards of which First Scotrail was one of the sponsors. Graham is shown with Mary Dickson MD of First Scotrail and the first minister Jack MacConnell who presented the award. Graham won the entries submitted by First Scotrail employees. All kinds of photographers including professionals and Press had entries in the event which was held in Edinburgh. As well as a trophy Graham received £500.



Graham receives his award



#### **Mount Blanc**

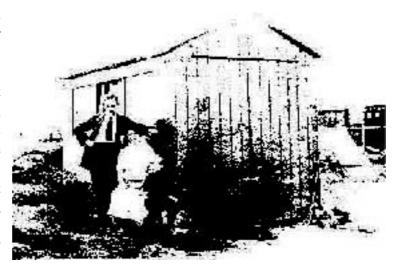
Last year Graham and two of his fellow workers decided to climb Mont Blanc in September and seek sponsorship to aid the Highland Hospice in Inverness. They arrived at their base alright but typical of British Airways their luggage and climbing gear got lost and they had to hire some equipment. However, Graham's equipment arrived the day before the climb and they made it to the top. During their climb their guide said that very few reached the summit which remark made Graham remind him that they were Scottish! A considerable sum was raised for the hospice.

Graham on Mount Blanc

#### Afore his Time

Robert (Bob) Craig Forsyth was born in Kirkintilloch on 4th of December, 1884 and died from liver cancer in Kilmarnoch on the 27th November, 1949. He was the second oldest in his family of nine and like his father and grand father before him, he was a cabinet maker. His father ran a coach hiring business in Kirkintilloch and Bob, like his older brother John, was driving four-in-hand at the age of eleven. He would wear a top hat stuffed with newspaper to stop it falling over his eyes. His education ended abruptly at the age of eleven when the teacher told him he had to stay in after school to do his homework. Dodging the clutches of the teacher, Bob escaped and ran home because he had a job to do. When he arrived there his father asked him why he was late. On hearing Bob's reason his father said "Well that's enough, You're not going back." Bob's wife Agnes (Nan) always maintained that she was better educated than him. However, like many of his generation, whenever it was possible Bob continued his education in night classes and by reading. The picture, circa 1922, shows Bob, his wife and son standing in front of the hut at Barassie, near Troon. Bob made this holiday cabin in sections and had them transported to Barassie where they were erected in a field The

adjacent to the shore. Nan and their son stayed there all summer while Bob cycled daily eleven miles to his work in Kilmarnock. In inclement weather, The Hut was dismantled and reassembled in Bob's huge garden and was used as a workshop. The large double doors should be noted. Did he intend that The Hut should eventually become a garage. How many working men owned a holiday cabin in 1922? He bought two adjacent 'single-ends' and bricked up one



The Hut

doorway creating a cupboard from it. The ceiling in the living room was too low so he raised it. He dug up the earthen floors and put in wooden ones. Later he added a bedroom, bathroom and kitchenette. In the days of porcelain and brass switches, Bob wired the whole house for light and power and even provided access for the entry of the power cable. There was only one small problem. There was no electricity in the street- only gas. He said "Its coming" When he was not in his place of employment, he was always busy. He made furniture for other people such as sideboards although he never made one for his wife. He soled the family's boots and shoes. He maintained a huge garden. The gooseberry bushes alone yielded nearly 200lbs of fruit annually. One day he attended an auction sale and started bidding for a grand father clock. His friend with him said "What on earth are you doing? The clock is rubbish" The clock was knocked down to Bob who immediately put his foot through the case and extracted the works which was what he wanted. He cleaned and reassembled the mechanism, then made a mahogany case which his sister in law French polished. During the last war he and his neighbour built a joint underground shelter which could be entered from either property. It contained bunk beds, chairs and a stove. Although he could enjoy his annual holidays, he was never idle. At one time he ran a fish and chip shop whilst still in full employment. After the war he persisted in holding onto an antiquated multi valve radio made by his father. It was temperamental: one day blaring out the next day hardly audible. Despite pleas from the family to buy a new one, he refused saying he was waiting for television. This was 1946. The above anecdotes only give a flavour of Bob Forsyth. The man I am very proud to say was my father.

WP Forsyth

# Scoutbush, Carrickfergus

We reported on our last newsletter on the death of Major James Andrew Forsythe father of Jayne Tracey. James was descended from the Scoutbush, Comickfergus, County Antrim, Northern Ireland branch of the Forsythe family I'm not sure if this is of any use to you or in particular Jayne Tracey but I have been researching the history of an old residence called Scoutbush just outside Carrickfergus and was interested to come across your site whilst Googling. I have established that an Andrew Forsythe owned Scoutbush between 1855 and 1891 when he sold it to an Alexander Lockhart for £2000 having originally purchased it for £4100.

The Scoutbush as we know it stands on a historic site with historical records going back to the 1500s when it was a fortified residence. However archaeological records show the sites of at least three forts with a fourth located at the centre of where the house as we would have known was located. Another of the forts was located in the centre of the original formal garden identified in the 1830s Ordnance Survey map. This area has remained prominent down the years as an irregular pentagonal shaped clearing as seen from aerial photos taken between 1953 and 1976.

Notable occupants included Walter Devereaux, Earl of Essex and later in the 1600s by General Munro and his army who had been sent by King Charles to protect the English and Scots from the then rebelling Irish.

During the 1500/1600s Scoutbush saw turbulent times being the residence of the Provost Marshall and by 1641 was occupied by a family called Crymble who were massacred when their nurse let down the drawbridge one night to let in a band of rebels. A fight ensued during which the whole family were killed. One of the Crymbles was recorded as having put up a brave fight killing several of the assailants and driving others across the drawbridge before being disembowelled.

Records show Scoutbush was sold to James Craig in 1792 for £2,500. The Taylor Skimmin map of 1777 noted Scoutbush as a ruin. This was an important time for Scoutbush as it signalled its transition from a fortified residence to the house, as we would have known. Craig was the third generation of Craigs. His grandfather had been a linen bleacher and lived in Scotch Quarter. His father was married to Jane Boyd of Prospect House. James Craig was associated with another important house in Carrickfergus – Glyn Park which he built around 1800. High in political circles he stood for and was elected to parliament twice. He also served as burgess, deputy mayor and a magistrate.

In September 1807 Craig placed an advert for sale of Scoutbush in the local newspaper which described the house as pertly complete following a substantial rebuild. The sale never proceeded with Scoutbush remaining in his ownership until he died in 1833 aged 62 when a notice was placed in the newsletter which included reference to Scoutbush and Glyn Park as one of the several properties owned by him.

Scoutbush was eventually sold for £3,100 in 1835 to John Legg who acted as trustee for Edward Bruce (his original surname was Brice). In his Ordnance Survey memoirs James Boyle acknowledged Bruce for his help in providing meteorological records and described him as a gentleman of high literary and scientific attainments. During the ownership of Edward Bruce plans were drawn up for the building of 24 houses on lands around the Scoutbush and Seapark estates. Unfortunately for whatever reason the plan was never followed through and ultimately this could have been the death warrant for Scoutbush some 120 years later.

In 1855 ownership was then assigned to Andrew Forsythe, a local magistrate and High Sheriff of Carrickfergus for £4,100 with the contents being auctioned in March. The auction notice gives us some insight to the content of the house with such items as:

- •paintings by Sant The Sisters Grave
- •Quality pieces of furniture including a Buhl, Ormolu French clock and a well-toned semi grand piano.
- Outside there was a Clarance by Bathurst and a full compliment of machinery. It is not clear if Andrew Forsythe actually lived at Scoutbush for a number people were recorded as living there during his ownership. One a George McAuliffe (1880-90) was a Belfast estate agent and magistrate. As with other previous occupiers he was also High

Sheriff of Carrickfergus The circumstances surrounding the next sale of Scoutbush are not clear though by 1891 Forsythe was living in London when Alex Lockhart made an offer of £2,000. Bearing in mind Forsythe had paid £4100 36 years prior he was not impressed and initially responded:- the price of £2000 is a small sum for such a place and requires consideration before deciding to accept it.

Ian Alexander August 2007



Scoutbush

## **Obituary – James Forsyth 1927-2006**

James of Falkirk passed away in January 2006. He and Margaret his wife were both a long standing members of our committee. James's character and humour will be sorely missed by us all. I enclose a piece from an earlier newsletter which gave a very true description of James's life and background with Margaret.

#### Wheels of Love

The buses were responsible for getting Jim Forsvth and Margaret Hood up the altar when they met in the early 1950s. At the time, Jim was a coachbuilder at Alexanders in Camelon and Margaret was a secretary in the offices. The couple were married in Cairneymount Church, Maddiston, by the James Downie on 1st August, 1953. The couple went into the newsagents business and ran shops in Maddiston, Brighton and Carron for 30 years. They also owned a shoe shop in Forfar for 10 years but sold all their businesses in 1995 and retired. The couple who live at 'Carradale' Wallacestone, Falkirk have one daughter Fiona and four grandchildren, Emma, Scott, Euan and Neil. The family marked the golden weddimg anniversary with a holiday in Portugal and later Jim and Margaret had time away on a Baltic cruise. Margaret and Jim have been members of Clan Forsyth Society since the revival in the 1970's and have been on the committee for a number of years. The photograph (right) shows Jim at a recent committee Meeting



#### **Raymond Forsyth**

Raymond Forsyth of Wallington Surrey wrote to Chairman Bob earlier in the year letting him know what developments he and his family had made on their genealogy search. To back this all up he sent in a very detailed family tree. Raymond and his wife Olwen used to attend the gatherings in London but he admits it is now difficult travelling long distances for they are both now in their 80's. Raymond was most appreciative of George Hawleys earlier research into their particular family. However Raymond is still looking to fill some gaps in the family tree and we are seeing if we can help him with this information. Raymond and Olwen have two sons Robert and Keith who now have families of their own and this information is to be added to their family tree. Keith who came to see George Hawley our genealogist with his new wife Bernie whilst he was on his honeymoon in 1991 is living in Scheyern, Germany. Bob is hopeful that the society might be able to have a reunion in London when it will be easier for Raymond and Olwen to attend.

### **Tracing Ancestors**

We have always been aware in the Society about the level of interest in people wanting to trace their ancestors. This can be from the person who is researching this for the first time or those who have completed their family tree and are wanting to look for additional information. Since setting up our website we have been receiving enquiries from all over the world from people wanting to trace Forsyths and their relatives. In our last newsletter we started by showing some of these enquiries and are now doing the same in this newsletter. Only the enquiry itself is being shown as there will be a number of e-mails sent in reply. Can we ask you to look through these and if you see one that you know about or have interest in that you contact the person direct on the e-mail shown. All of the people who sent in these enquiries have given their agreement for them to be published. For reasons of data protection we have removed any postal address details. If, you do not use e-mails then you can send your enquiry or information into the society and we will send it on your behalf. The name of the person making the enquiry is shown first, followed by the person they are wanting information on with an approximate date if known. Each enquiry has a Reference number and we recommend that this is used in all correspondence. Finally, can we ask that you copy us in on any communications regarding these enquiries.

#### **ENQUIRIES**

#### Albert L. Forsyth. Enquiry regarding GG James Richmond Forsyth Nova Scotia

E-Mail Address = B4syth@msn.com

Additional Information = My great grandfathers name was James Richmond Forsyth and was from Nova Scotia. Possibly the son of William & Margaret Forsyth and brother to Mary Emma & Annie Forsyth.

Ref:01/07

# William Forsyth. Enquiry regarding G William Forsyth, Edinburgh

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Additional Information = We understand that Forsyths (stone masons and divers) left Edinburgh to work on the building of the piers in the then "Kingstown", now Dun U Paul

Laoghaire, circa 1820. How should I contact in Scotland to verify this? Many thanks.

Further information: The Forsyth's stayed in Ireland and my Grandfather William Forsyth was one of the last Forsyth's to work in the Quarry. Our family stayed in the "Kingstown" area. I started last year to look into the family history and I have reached back as far as 1916 where a James Forsyth perished in WW1.

Ref:02/07

#### Brennan Forsyth. Enquiry regarding GG Frank Forsyth, Forfar

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Additional Information: My great grandfather Frank Forsyth was born in Forfar, Scotland on July, 7 1879. I know he came to America in the early 1900s but I don't know anything about his family back home.

Brennan Forsyth, Producer The Joyce Kaufman Show News-Talk 850 WFTL www.850wftl.com

Ref:03/07

# Jack (Carl Jackie) Forsyth. Enquiry regarding Watson and Elizabeth Forsyth, county Armagh

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Additional Information = Grandfather James Duncan Forsyth of Winnipeg

My ancestors Watson and Elizabeth Forsyth emigrated from County Armagh in Ireland to the township of Arthur in the County of Wellington in Canada. The year was about 1843.I was wondering if anyone knew of this family further back than this. Any help would be appreciated.

Further information: Reply from Ian Forsyth, Northern Ireland. I was in PRONI (Public Records Office NI) last week checking up some genealogy records. I managed to track down some info relating to Watson and Elizabeth Forsyth. Originally having very little to go except the couple being from Co Armagh I managed to have success mainly because WATSON was the forename. There was a marriage for couple called WATSON FORSYTH and ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON on 15 Dec 1825 at Seagoe Parish (Church of Ireland, Anglican or Episcop) which is in the Portadown area of North Armagh. No names of parents were given, only two witnesses with names I think of GIBSON and WALKER. I will look again soon to see if I can get any more info within parish of Seagoe on my next visit. At present PRONI is closed for annual stocktaking so I am unlikely to be there before Xmas. Portadown is within the major Ulster Plantation settlements of 17 th Century, the major diff here is most of them were descended from English rather Scots, but they were in this area too with a ratio of 3 to 1 English to Scots. I estimate the Plantation population here were about 70 % of population, the rest were what was called the 'native' Irish.

I hope Carl will be happy with this information.

Ref: 04/07

#### George Gaudin. Enquiry Randolph Cay Forsyth

E-mail Address = the gaudins@jerseymail.co.uk

Additional information = Descendants of Robert Forsyth b1851 d1907 + Helen Isabella Fraser b 26th October 1855 m 16th February 1885.

Randolph Cay Forsyth b 2nd May 1891 + Kathleen Fanny d'Authreau b 15th January, m 28th January 1919, d11th October1920.

I am searching for details of the above Randolph Cay Forsyth after the death of Kathleen Fanny d'Authreau in 1920. Please can you provide any further information. I believe Randolph Cay Forsyth was born in Edmonton, North London 3rd son of Robert Forsyth born 1851 in Aberdeenshire and Helen Isabella Fraser also born in Aberdeenshire Randolph married Kathleen d'Authreau 28 01 1919 and she died 11 10 1920 of heart disease but I can find no further record of Randolph or of any children of his marriage to Kathleen.

**Ref: 10/07** 

# Graham Forsyth. Enquiry GG Charles Forsyth, Aberdeen

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Additional Information = My Grandfather Charles MacFarlane Forsyth from Aberdeen was the only son of John Forsyth also from Aberdeen (my great grandfather). Charles had 5 sisters. Charles moved to South Africa and had 2 sons Gavin and John William. John William Forsyth is my Dad.

Ref: 11/07

#### James Brett Forsyth. Enquiry F Walter Forsyth, Fife

E-Mail Address = jbforsyth@highspeedplus.com

Comments = I am not into genealogy but the crest is the same as ours. My father Walter Forsyth came from Scotland in the early 1920's - I believe. I often heard him speak of Fifeshire and Falkland. I still have relatives in Cupar.

Ref: 15/07

#### Jeannette Forsyth . Enquiry David MacClellen Forsyth b. 1799

E-Mail Address = jen94613@yahoo.com

Additional Information = The farthest that any of my family members can go back is David MacClellen Forsyth b. 1799 m MargretMacDonaldHenderson David MacClellen Forsyth b 1840 Sarah Eliz. Dickson Thomas Dickson Forsyth b 1860 Charlotte Couperthwaite Frederick Couperthwaite Forsyth b 1894 Jeannette MacDonald Wilson MacDonald Forsyth b 1926 Mary Gancarcik Jeannette Forsyth b 1965 me. If any one could find anything prior to 1799 that would be wonderful thank you.

Ref:17/07

#### John Kilpatrick. Enquiry GGG William Forsyth, Berwick on Tweed

E-Mail Address = jk@clear.net.nz

Additional Information = My GGG grandfather was William Forsyth b about 1763 d 1822, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

He was the son of James Forsyth, Yeoman of Unthank Square according to his apprenticeship to the freemen of Berwick-upon-Tweed. I wonder whether any reference to this family turns up in any of your records, as I would be greatly interested to pursue the line backwards.

Yours aye,

John Forsyth Kilpatrick.

Ref:18/07

### Julia Farwell. Enquiry Maggie Forsyth, born approx 1872

E-Mail Address = julia@ourchanterelle.wanadoo.co.uk

Additional Information = I would like some information on my paternal grandmother, who was Maggie Forsyth, born around 1872 and died in 1937. She married Hugh Lionel Heath on December 9th 1903. She was an art student of his in her early life. She went out to India with him, where he was Principle of the Mayo School of Arts. They had to children, Maurice Lional (my father) and Margaret Jean. Sadly I know nothing else about her except that she was a very beautiful woman.

Ref:19/07

# Arthur Rosslynn Forsyth. Enquiry William Forsyth, Rafford, Brodie

E-Mail Address = arf06@btinternet.com

Additional Information = We have traced a marriage in 1792 at Rafford, Moray between William Forsyth and Margaret Brodie. They had at least 2 children, John (1792) and Jane (1795). We are pretty sure that these are ancestors but cannot make the connection to Williams parents. Please can you help? Are you aware of anyone else looking for these people?

Ref:21 / 07

## Susan Alexander. Enquiry GG William Forsyth, Inverness B 1850/51

E-Mail Address = Please reply via the Society

Additional Information = My great grandfather, William Forsyth, ran away from his home in Inverness in the mid 1800's and came to New Zealand. His mother had died and his father put him into care. His father worked in Edinburgh, apparently at the university. I don't know his name. William married Elizabeth here in NZ and had six children. His eldest son was named James which makes me think his father may have been James also. Other children's names were Jeannie (my grandmother), William, Alan, Alex and Lilian. A long time ago, there was apparently some contact made to the family in Scotland but it has been lost. William, my gt grandfather, apparently had two sisters. Any help would be much appreciated. I have found a little more info. His date of birth was 1850 or 1851 as he was 33 years old when my Grandma was born. He was born in Inverness. There is no mention of it being around rather than in Inverness but could have been I guess. No middle name that I'm aware of. No info on ships, mother, family. All that has gone.

Ref:22/07

#### Tanya White. Forsyth's Co Kildare 1700's

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I am a descendant of the Forsythes of Ireland. I would love to know more about the Forsyth families that went to Ireland. Do you have any records of Forsyths that went to County Kildare in the 1700s?

Many thanks.

Tanya White

Ref:23/07

#### William Esteves. Enquiry Maria Forsyth (1878-1964), Caracas, Venezuela

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Additional Information = My father is Omar Esteves Forsyth (July 20, 1910), son of Mrs. Maria Forsyth (Married to Luis Esteves and sister of Martin Forsyth). **Ref:25/07** 

#### Brian Lyle Forsyth. Enquiry G James Hilton Forsyth

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Additional Information = Father - Alexander Martin Forsyth Grandfather James Hilton Forsyth, I was told i have ancestry of both Scottish and English decent. I know little else,

Ref:26/07

# Bradford Hughes. Enquiry John Forsythe, Ireland b 1821

E-Mail Address = megawfa79@yahoo.com

Additional Information = Greetings from Maine! My name is Bradford Hughes. My grandfather is Stanley g. Forsyth (born in Granby, Connecticut 1918). I have been able to trace the Forsyths as far back as John Forsythe (born in Ireland 1821, married to Amanda Forsythe). His son, Robert Lyman Forsyth was born in 1857. I am hoping I can find some aid from the Forsyths in Scotland, in searching for my ancestors. Our family has been to Scotland but, at the time, didn't know that the Forsyths were a Scottish clan. We are very excited with the prospects of finding our family roots. Please forgive my delay in responding. Yes, it would be wonderful to have your Irish representative to look into my inquiry. Any information would be helpful. Also, do you know if any Forsyth families are interested in corresponding with their American relatives? I am 45 years old, with one son (13) and a daughter (16).

I look forward to your response.

All the Best,

Brad Hughes South Portland, ME

Ref:29/07

## William Foreman. Enquiry. Gilbert Forsyth, Ballindalloch C1670 bforeman@snet.net

Tracing from Winifred (Forsyth) Kent, my mother-in-law, b. 10 Mar 1921, Margaretville, Nova Scotia, back to Gilbert Forsyth (1600) Winifred's first ancestor in America was Gilbert Forsyth. He left Ballindalloch, Scotland sometime before 1670. Yes, I'm aware of the clan in Canada & the US. Have conversed with Ed Forsyth & other members of the families.

Ref:30/07

#### Julie Ward. Enquiry GG David Forsyth, Aberdeen B 1855/56

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Additional Information=I am trying to trace my great grandfather David Forsyth from Aberdeen dob 1855 or 1856 who migrated to Queensland, and had 2 daughters Violet Agnes [my grandmother] and Emily Maud. My father Harold Leslie Forsyth had a younger half sister named Gladys who died in Melbourne, Australia in the late 1980's. Has anyone heard of these people?

Ref:32/07

#### Melissa Fejo. Thomas Todd Forsyth, NSW 1864

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Additional Information = Do you have information in your records on Thomas Todd Forsyth? He married Anne Lyle Lewis in 1864 Redfern NSW. Any help or info will be greatly appreciated.

Ref:37/07

#### U Paul Gareau. Enquiry Andrew Forsyth B Londonderry 1824

Address = upgareau@shaw.ca

Additional Information = Andrew Forsyth apparently born in Londonderry (Ulster) 1824 and emigrated to Ontario about 20 to 25 years later. His family (or ancestors) left Scotland at an unknown time and I know nothing of them. On the off chance it was near the time of his birth or you can advise how I might search shipping I might learn more. His son Andrew was my grandfather. Not much to go on.

Paul

Ref:39/07

### Jacqueline Cahill. Enquiry John de Forsyth b 1424

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Additional Information=I'd like to know who John de forsyth born c. 1424 (father of David Lord of Dykes born c. 1488) was married to I have an unknown Douglas - can you help please.

Jacky

Ref:41/07

# Suzanne Edler. Enquiry James Forsyth Mid 1700's

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I am looking for the lineage James Forsyth who came to America mid 1700s. His son Benjamin Forsyth (died 1812) may have been an infant with him on the trip. My great great grandmother said that an early Forsyth ancestor was a standard bearer for Robert the Bruce. She also said that this story had been told and retold for hundreds of years and that if it had not changed in that time was against human nature and we could believe it if we wished.

**Ref 42/07** 



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