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13 April 2025

A Dream and a Piece of Thread

Most of us growing up in the States, remember the Revolutionary War History story of Betsy Ross, an accomplished upholsterer living in Philadelphia. Soon after 1776, Betsy was asked by George Washington, along with other "Founding Fathers," to fashion a new flag. Ross hand sewed the original flag and in doing so modified the suggested 6-pointed star proposed by Washington to a 5-pointed star. It would work better for her design, she told him. The 5-point star remained.

Now, the Betsy Ross legend could go on and on. We will leave it to the reader to do research on this historic flag and the talented strong woman behind it. What is important to the current reader now is that Clan Ramsay has its own Betsy Ross who deserves the same sort of legendary credit!

30 Years ago, after Sue Anne and David Ramsay were married, Sue Anne made two Clan banners for the Highland Games. She fashioned a Ramsay Banner for David, and a Scott banner for her. Each of these banners were made for the front of the tables to identify the respective clan.

Sue Anne tells us the Ramsay banner is held together with Elmer's glue and was hand sewn, with the unicorn being painted on with acrylic paint. The letters are peel & stick appliques from Joann Fabrics, where she would shop for her fabric & trimmings. She copied the pattern from "somewhere" and began to cut each item out. Sue Anne still uses Elmer's glue when something comes loose. At some point over the years, a person offered to go over the entire banner with a sewing machine but our Sue Anne declined saying she was happy using the Elmers!

The banner has traveled to every game they have attended over the past 30 years.

**Submitted by
Sue Ramsay**



**The original banner
carried by
Sue & John Ramsay
Parade of Tartans
2025 Loch Norman
Highland Games**



**Sue Anne Ramsey in
full Scott clan dress**

Grandfather Mountain Update

Linville, North Carolina
01 May 2025

We at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games are fielding questions several times a week from all over the country as to the ability of our area to support the 2025 Highland Games in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. The answer is a resounding yes! Our roads and bridges are now in good shape, and area lodging and restaurants are definitely open for business.

The storm damage was extensive to be sure, but the degree of repair in the six months following the hurricane has been amazing. Things are now at the place where those attending the 2025 Games will find the North Carolina High Country much like we were for the 2024 Games.

This message is being sent in the hopes that you will share the news about the repair and recovery in our area with your members. You are in a unique situation with regard to the membership of your clans and societies, and getting a clear message about attending in 2025 will be helpful to both GMHG and your clan or society organization. We appreciate your help.

Thank you in advance for helping us get the word out. We are really looking forward to seeing you "on the Mountain!"

Yours Aye,
Steve
Admin GMHG

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Clan Ramsay Spirit

I'm Jacob Vaughn, and I was thrilled to represent Clan Ramsay at the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival on April 26, 2025. Held each year on the last Saturday of April at Jefferson Patterson Park in St. Leonard, Maryland, the festival is a vibrant celebration of Celtic heritage. As a lightweight thrower, I competed with pride, tossing weights and carrying our clan's name high. It felt incredible to honor our shared roots on the field.

I've got more exciting news to share! In September 2024, I proposed to my fiancée, Brittnei Rhoades, and she said yes! We're planning our wedding for fall 2025, and I can't wait to start this new chapter together.

I've included photos of us at the festival and of our engagement—moments filled with joy and clan spirit. Marilyn's support makes every event, from throws to life milestones, even more special.



Since leaving active duty, I've found a true sense of belonging with Clan Ramsay. The newsletters always lift my spirits, sharing stories of what our clan is up to. Being part of this community has been a gift, connecting me to others who share our heritage. Whether I'm competing or planning my wedding.

Thank you for letting me share my story! I'm already looking forward to next year's festival and celebrating our clan's spirit with Marilyn by my side.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacob Vaughn

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Greetings Members of Clan Ramsay International,

As we are in the middle of the Highland Games season, I hope that you are all having a good summer so far. I have been busy with family obligations but have had some time to be able to represent Clan Ramsay International and share stories with those who share a passion for our heritage.

For all of you that want to help or are considering involvement, know that you are needed. If you know of family members who would be willing to help in these efforts, I'm certain that we can find a place for them. We are in hopes to obtain more members willing to heighten our presence at games around the country. Maybe you are able to set up for one game a year in your local area where we are not currently represented. Maybe you have other skills or ideas you would like to offer to help build our membership. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact me. Your efforts may be the only opportunity someone has to find our organization and connect. You can contact me by email at mckenny-pam@outlook.com.

As a reminder our Annual General Meeting will be held at On Saturday October 18th in con-

junction with the 53rd Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games which are located at Stone Mountain Park in Stone Mountain Georgia to be held October 18th-19th 2025.

I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing many of you at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville NC July 10th-13th 2025 and spending time with all of you.

Ora et Labora
Pam Ramsey McNeil, President
Clan Ramsay International



Welcome Callum
James Carswell



Christian & Michaila Jolly Carswell,
along with Lochlyn, welcomed the
newest addition to their family!

Welcome to the world
Callum James Carswell

You are so loved already!

Born May 7, 2025

7lbs 11oz

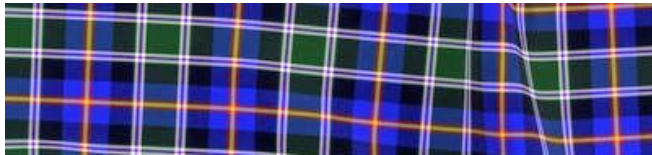
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Springtime in the Rockies!

**Longmont, Colorado
12-13 April 2025**

No, not the 1942 movie of the same name with Greta Garbo, nor the earlier 1937 featuring Gene Autry, OUR "Springtime In the Rockies" comes with our first festival of the season - the Annual Colorado Tartan Day Festival in Longmont, Colorado.

The Colorado State Tartan is a District Tartan designated as our State Tartan by the General Assembly on March 3, 1997. The Tartan is an accurate expression of the multi-faceted beauty of our State and the heritage of the Scots that settled in this part of the Western United States.



The Colorado State Tartan

Clan Ramsay was well represented and was pleased to be a sponsor for this year's event, featuring new leadership and new ideas from the Tartan Day Council. With snow-covered Long's Peak at Rocky Mountain National Park serving as a backdrop, this year's gathering was truly the best ever and will be an event we will continue to sponsor.

This is a FREE ADMISSION festival and that encouraged attendance. Clan tents were intermingled with artisans, musicians, and vendors bordering the field.

We all know the time honored and tested adage that, "There's no such thing as bad weather, only improper clothing". On Saturday, a bit of the reverse as we traded ghillies and hose for flip-flops and sunscreen as the temperature climbed to 88 degrees! Glorious!

Sunday began with 55 degrees and a gentle wind. Saturday was well attended, but Sunday was the big day. Seven Ramsay kin stopped by to sign in, trade stories, and forge new friendships. Long-time musician friends from the Colorado Springs area made the journey to perform as "Ballyhooley". Regional favorite "Big Paddy", led by Sean Gaughan, regaled with a blend of traditional and rock fusion. The musical surprise of the day was "Bleed'n Green", and "Ox Hill" has put together an excellent ensemble, fea-

turing Piper Sean Thompson, and they have developed a style of that rises far above the standard bagpipe and blasting bass drums so prevalent at these events.

Two hours before official closing time, Clan Meteorologist Matthew Ramsey called out the first wall clouds dropping to the West. The winds shifted, the temperature dropped 15 degrees, dust devils whipped up, and drops of water began falling. In anticipation, many Clans started packing up early, but the venue was spared from any serious rainfall, it was a bit of a challenge holding the tents fast long enough to take them down.

On a personal note, 2024 was challenging and 2025 is truly a new year. I'm fortunate to be able to rejoin the living with good health, the love and support of my wife Michele, and the kinship of my Clan Ramsay Colorado family : Wayne Ramsey Premo Historian/ Genealogist, Tim Hale Artist /Herald, and Matthew Ramsey Master at Arms. While I was able to participate in the 2024 festival season, it was this group of fine men and families who handled the presence of Clan Ramsay.

Many online images of this weekend's gathering have been posted - search for Colorado Tartan Day on your favorite platform.

In closing, as I write this report early on the morning of April 14th, it's now snowing in Longmont, Colorado. Yes, THAT'S Springtime in the Rockies!

**Submitted by
Stephen Williams
Colorado State Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International**



**Front: Emma, Matthew Paul, & Kaylee Ramsey
Back: Matthew & Megan Ramsey,
Michele & Stephen Williams, & Tim Hale.**

Western United States Pipe Band Association
Intermountain Indoor Solo Competition
Monument, Colorado
12 April 2025

As an ongoing supporter of The Pikes Peak Highlanders Pipes and Drums in Colorado Springs, Clan Ramsay wishes to congratulate several members of the PPH for their achievements at the Western United States Pipe Band Association's Intermountain Branch Indoor Solo Competition held at Pikes Peak Brewery in Monument, CO on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

Out of 22 competitors registered, these Pikes Peak Highlanders took home prizes:

Pipers:

Virginia Franklyn First Place, Grade 2 Piping, Hornpipe, Jig & Grade 2 Piping, March Strathspey & Reel

Andra Stoller PPH Pipe Major - First Place, Grade 3 Piping, 2/4 March & Grade 3 Piping, Piobaireachd.

Susan Rhodes First Place, Grade 4 Piping & Piobaireachd.

Denise Matthews Second Place, Grade 4 Piping, 2/4 March.

Tom Webber Second Place, Grade 4 Piping, Strathspey/Reel. Third Place, Grade 4 Piping, 2/4 March.

Brandi Kuiper First Place, Grade 5 Piping, 2/4 March & Grade 5 Piping, Slow March.

James DeGeorge Second Place, Grade 5 Piping, 2/4 March. Fifth Place, Grade 5 Piping, Slow March.

Drummers:

Brendan Good First Place, Grade 3 Side Drumming, 2/4 March, Strathspey, Reel.

Victoria Crowe First Place, Intermediate Tenor Drumming, March/Strathspey/Reel.

Lauren Lane First Place, Novice Bass Drumming, March. Second Place, Novice Tenor Drumming, 2/4 March.

Clan Ramsay extends our congratulations again to these fine competitors and is pleased to continue our support of the Pikes Peak Highlanders Pipes and Drums!

Submitted by
Stephen Williams
Colorado State Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International



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S T L O U I S
SCOTTISH GAMES
AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Manchester, Missouri
17 May 2025

The St Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival was held at Schroeder Park in Manchester Missouri on Saturday May 17, 2025. Our drive to the games included a severe storm that included blinding rain, large hail and high winds. On our arrival for set up we learned there had been a tornado that came through an area only a few miles away from the games site. Our thoughts were with those who had property damage and those who lost their lives. Saturday was a beautiful day and there was record attendance for the games. Many of the people who attended said they decided to come to the games because they didn't have power yet at their homes and wanted to spend the day with people instead on focusing on the loss and clean up at their homes.

I set up and tent and represented Clan Ramsay International at this one day game. I talked with many people who stopped by to determine if they had Scottish Clan affiliation, share stories about ancestors and learn more about Clan Ramsay International. There were only a couple of people who had Ramsay family ties. There was a steady stream of kids who were interested in getting their scavenger hunt booklet stamped with our clan badge.

There were 26 clan associations represented along with other cultural and genealogy exhibits. Near the entrance to the park there were highland cows and the wolf hounds to visit. Throughout the day there were demonstrations of sheep dog herding, sword fighting and falconry. There were merchandise, craft and food vendors. The highland athletic games concluded with a farmer's carry. The pipe band competitions and Scottish dance competitions went on throughout the day. The music ranged from traditional Celtic music to the more lively Celtic rock bands that brought many to their feet to dance and ended with a performance by Ally the Piper. Her performance provided the perfect boost of energy that had the crowd dancing and concluded with a meet and greet.

If you are interested in attending in May 2026, you can learn more details at:

stlouis-scottishgames.com CLICK TO VISIT SITE



Submitted by
Pam Ramsey McNeil
President Clan Ramsay International
Indiana Commissioner

Europe Celebrates Ladies Night

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Brussels, Belgium
26 April 2025

Our "Scottish Ladies Night" was held, for the fourth consecutive year, in the private rooms of the "Royal Club of Officers of the Regiment of the Guides" in Brussels.

This colorful evening was organized in honor of our ladies. The event saw the participation of clanswomen and clansmen from the various clans and Clan Ramsay was represented by the author of this article.

Guests were welcomed into one of the lounges by our clan commissary and were immersed in the Scottish atmosphere thanks to the captivating melody of Piper's Phil, a well-known bagpiper on our social media.

The event took place in a unique, historic setting, one steeped in the traditions of the Belgian military cavalry. This cavalry officers' club has existed since 1855. Its aim is to foster a spirit of regimental camaraderie. The Club also welcomes members of the royal family, as well as experts from various political, military, diplomatic, economic, academic, and cultural fields to lead its dinner conferences.

Dame Dorothea, Convenor Europe of the Hay clan for Europe, graciously presented each guest with a superb rose, who were delighted with this thoughtful gesture.

The Ladies Night Artistic Evening

The artistic part of the evening was hosted by the following artists:

Belgian Philippe Van De Velde, known as "Piper's Phil," who performs as a soloist and leads musical groups special events including D-Day Ceremonies. Piper's Phil delighted us by playing at the reception, during the meal, and at the end of the evening.

Kyra Frimout is a singer and harpist who began her musical journey at the age of six. Kyra perfected her harp skills at the Royal Conservatory of The Hague. Kyra performs at various churches and concert venues in the Lago Maggiore area.

Flandrach VZW is a dance school specializing in Scottish Highland dances. Under the direction of their conductor the young dancers superbly enlivened the evening with a series of traditional Scottish war dances, with and without swords, accompanied by the sound of their own bagpiper.

The dancers demonstrated agility, endurance, and elegance by performing a series of complex dances, including the "Ghillie Callum" and the renowned "Dirk Dance."

The Ladies' Night Gastronomic Evening

Dame Carine and her team welcomed us into the dining rooms, where superb tables were set with silverware bearing the names of former officers who had served in the Cavalry Regiment.

We were served an exquisite menu, and the meal was accompanied by a selection of white and red wines from the Regiment's cellar. Coffee and liqueurs were served in the club lounges. Clan Ramsay's local commissar proposed the traditional toasts before dessert in honor of the King, the clan chiefs present, and their members. Last but not least, the third toast was raised in honor of our ladies.

To conclude our Ladies Night, our guests gathered in the historic lounges to offer a final toast of friendship and form a chain of solidarity to the rhythm of "Auld Lang Syne" played by Piper's Phil, promising to all be in great shape for 2026.

Auld Lang Syne

"Must we forget an old acquaintance?
And it never occurred to you?
Must we forget an old acquaintance.
And the time of old Lang Syne?"



Submitted by
Christian Jamin Ramsay,
KCOC, KCLJ, KOL
Commissioner North Europe
Clan Ramsay North Europe

"Believe me, Lang, the first twenty-four hours of the invasion will be decisive... The fate of Germany will depend on it... For the Allies, as for us, it will be the longest day." Remarks by General Field Marshall Erwin Rommel to his aide-de-camp, Hauptmann Hellmuth Lang, April 22, 1944.

For the 81st anniversary of D-DAY, the landing of the Allied forces on June 6, 1944, on the Normandy coast, our clan had to continue to pay tribute to one of its own, Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, and thus perpetrate the memory of Remembrance both for this brilliant soldier and for all the fighters involved in this formidable fight for freedom.



Ranville June 4

On June 4, at 10:30 a.m., we paid honors at the "Ranville War Cemetery" with the French and Belgian veterans' associations, and Piper's Phil, to the Belgian war volunteer Edouard Gerard, in the presence of his very moved family.

Around noon, we launched biodegradable poppies from the Pegasus Bridge into the Orne with Laurent Josse, Christian D'Heygere supported by his Belgium Soldiers Team, local and Belgian memory associations and to the sound of Piper's Phil bagpipes. Highly symbolic and moving moment.

Courseulles June 4

In Courseulles-Sur-Mer, a ceremony took place in the presence of local authorities in honor of the soldiers of the Piron brigade who fell on the Field of Honor. Laurent Josse hosted the event with the help of Christian d'Heygere and his Belgium Soldiers Team. Thanks to Laurent for allowing me to present our clan and add a speech on the role of Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay and his operation Neptune – D Day. A reception served at the Courseulles Town Hall closed this moving commemoration.

Pegasus Ranville Memorial June 5

On the morning of June 5, we participated with the bagpipes in the parade taking us in front of the French authorities and the officers. One of the stands was reserved for many British, Belgian and American veterans. We also met SMSgt (ret.) Thomas C. Garner Jr. of the 20th US Air Force. A religious service was celebrated by the regiment's military chaplain and a splendid solo of Piper's Phil playing Highland Cathedral.



Pegasus Bridge Parade June 6

At noon on June 6, we marched in the procession from Benouville town hall to the Pegasus Bridge and the Signal Monument to the sound of bagpipes. In the afternoon, we met Kerry, granddaughter of Major Howard, with whom we had the pleasure of exchanging our impressions.

We shared these intense moments with the pipers, their president, Mr. Remy Lambert, with the veterans, the veterans' associations, English and French officers and many others. This Memory is engraved in our Heart! See you next year.

Submitted by
Christian Jamin Ramsay,
KCOC, KCLJ, KOL
Commissioner North Europe
Clan Ramsay North Europe

Grand East Europe

April



It's been a year since our friend Olivier left. We all wanted to tell him that we loved him and that he would always be in our hearts. This photo was taken by Nicolas Pagniez in the Touquet (French Flanders) It was in front of these aligned glasses that we paid tribute to this memory?

May

Philippe Merle and Nicolas Pagniez went to tread the Scottish lands. The first, to practice fly fishing, catch and release, method of fishing, very used in the English-speaking communities, but in the evening another practices, or there, we do not let go of our glass.



June

Nothing special except for the commissioner. I'm preparing our whisky tasting evening, which will take place in the historic center of Besançon, But...

July

There will be about ten of us going to Aubigny-sur-Nère for three days to contemplate the town, admire the habitants, who will be donning the colors of Scotland for the occasion. We will listen everywhere of the bagpipes, reasoned admiring the flags fluttering in the wind.

Submitted by
Marie Corinne Corbet LeFranc
Commissioner EU Grand East
Clan Ramsay International

A Delightful Day in Beaulieu & Tain

Another Scottish Holiday Adventure

On Tuesday, 16 July 2024, my friend, from Kinross, Ian Russell and I embarked on a memorable outing during my holiday in the Scottish Highlands, exploring the charming towns of Beaulieu and Tain. Our day began in Beaulieu, a picturesque village known for its warm community and historic charm. Our first stop was Campbell's of Beaulieu, a renowned family-run tweed shop established in 1858. Stepping inside felt like entering a treasure trove of Scottish heritage, with shelves lined with exquisite tweeds, tartans, and handcrafted goods. I couldn't resist browsing their selection and may have picked up one or two items—a pair of fingerless gloves for a Christmas gift and a pair for myself as a keepsake to remind me of this special day.

Just across the street, we paused for a well-deserved coffee break at Corner on the Square, a delightful deli and café. Sipping rich, aromatic coffee in this cozy spot, we soaked in the welcoming atmosphere and the buzz of local life. The café's charm, paired with its delicious offerings, made it the perfect place to recharge before continuing our adventure.

Next, we hopped back in the car for a scenic drive to Tain, home of the historic Tain Pottery. Nestled in the heart of the Highlands, this pottery studio is celebrated for its handcrafted ceramics, blending traditional techniques with contemporary designs. Wandering through their displays, I was captivated by the artistry of each piece. I may have picked up a beautifully crafted egg cup—a small but meaningful memento of our visit.

This trip to Beaulieu and Tain was a perfect blend of shopping, relaxation, and cultural discovery. From Campbell's timeless tweeds to Tain Pottery's unique creations, the Highlands left us with cherished memories and a deeper appreciation for Scotland's rich heritage.

Submitted by
Mona Ramsey



In recognition of the Scottish immigrants continuing impact on North Carolina's culture and economy, The Cape Fear Scottish Immigration Memorial Fund (CFSIMF) has been established to build a cairn and establish a trek from Brunswick Town following the Scots' trail to the North Carolina mountains. The Fund is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Construction of the cairn and surrounds has begun and several sites along the trek have been established and plaques established along the route.



Cape Fear Scottish Immigration Memorial

It is estimated that about 145,000 Scots immigrated to the Colonies between 1707 and 1775. The numbers grew more after the American Revolutionary War started with many Scots supporting the British Crown and many also fighting for the colonies.

There was little work for highland Scots in the early 1700's. Political upheaval had caught them in a pinch. Economic tides were turning away from their small-crofting and cotter economy. They were being displaced from their rural lives, in favor of sheep! In the cities, they had few marketable skills.

Governor Gabriel Johnston was the colonial authority in the Carolinas. He was a lowland Scot, and understood what was happening in his home country. He saw it all as the perfect storm to benefit the colony. Johnston began recruiting. He offered 10 acres (an ESTATE to people who'd been able to live in one or two!) He offered them ten-year tax exemptions...time to get settled, built, and an operation running. The allure was great. They may as well come and scrape for a subsistence doing things they understood, than live hand-to-mouth in a dirty city, trying to do things they didn't!

By the time of the American Revolution, as many as 10,000 Highland Scots may have settled along the Cape Fear and Wilmington North Carolina and the river's tributaries. Scots bound for North Carolina almost invariably landed at Cape Fear. Unlike other North Carolina rivers, the lower Cape Fear was navigable by seagoing vessels for over twenty miles upstream. Although they disembarked at both Brunswick Town and Wilmington,

the arriving Highlanders preferred the latter site because it placed them closer to the backcountry. After landing, they transferred their belongings to longboats, canoes, or other small craft and made their way up the Cape Fear River. Ninety miles upstream, at the site of present-day Fayetteville, they debarked for the last time.

Clan Ramsay International has contributed to the building of the cairn and supporting the trek as have some of its members. If you would like to contribute you may by sending your check made out to the CFSIMF at PO box - PO Box 7950, Wilmington, NC 28406.

Thanks to Kevin Hopkins, a Clan McLeod member from Oklahoma for his contribution to this article.

**Submitted by
Dick McGraw**

TO THE SCOTTISH
PIONEERS WHOSE
COURAGE AND CULTURE
FOREVER IMPACTED
NORTH CAROLINA
CLAN RAMSAY

**The Clan Ramsay plaque that will be
installed at the site of the cairn**



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The Clan Ramsay DNA Committee continues to seek candidates for a free Y-DNA kit to be given away to a member who can help the most other members with their genealogical research. We have a few prospects this quarter who have not yet committed, so if you are a male Ramsay/Ramsey, or are a Clan member with a male relative in your Ramsay/Ramsey paternal line, please submit them as a candidate to one of our committee members.

Here are your Clan Ramsay DNA Committee members:

David Ramsey, John E. Ramsay Jr, Melanie Hudson, Ronda Shackelford, and Mike Ramsey.

Clan Ramsay member Thomas Henry Ramsey had previously submitted his Y-DNA sample, and was identified as a member of the E haplogroup family of about 30 members, who all share a common ancestor in Ayrshire or Lanarkshire from around 1600.

This family group had run into some roadblocks in attempting to link American ancestors back to those in Scotland, but DNA proves there is a connection between the American branches and Australian branches who descend from the same genetic ancestor. Two Australian families have very good records back to Lanarkshire, along with another member in England who can trace his family to Ayrshire.

Australian Ramsay descendants became a focus of this group, and there have been some successes in linking those families. Most Australian immigrants from Scotland arrived more recently than the Americans, so there are more official documents to help with family trees.

I suggested to Thomas that he add the Family Finder (autosomal DNA) test to his existing Y-DNA results. No additional sample was required, as the lab was able to use the existing sample.

Thomas' first match came back as Michael Ramsay of Gawler, South Australia, near Adelaide. After sharing family trees, they discovered they share the same Great Grandfather, Frederick Ramsay, born 1841. Thomas' Grandfather Thomas Ramsay, and Michael's Grandfather Frederick, were brothers. Their families were in Ireland for a couple of generations, and both families had recorded Ireland as their place of origin.

Thomas' family came to America, and Michael's to Australia, but we now know through DNA that before Ireland, they were in Scotland. Here are the known Clan Ramsay members who are related to the same common ancestor as Thomas and the Australians: David, Houghton, Noreen Hume, Alice Ramsay, David Albert Ramsay, John Thomas Ramsay, Robert Guy Ramsay, Bruce Raymond Ramsey, Matthew Paul Ramsey, Olivia Ramsay Schmitt, and my own family.

This shows how autosomal DNA can work with Y-DNA to find previously unknown male extended family.

If you have any questions, or would like to submit a candidate for the free DNA kit, feel free to contact me at snsnsmike@prodigy.net.

Decatur Celtic Festival

Decatur, Texas
03 May 2025

The North Texas Scottish Festival was once the largest Scottish festival each Spring, but the Texas Scots group went out of business a few years ago, leaving a void in the Spring festival schedule.



Mike, Sharon, and friends Ludi and Mark

Clan Cunningham's Bruce Cunningham, who lives in Decatur, started pulling some strings, and has been trying to get the festival back to its original numbers.

While it has been only a one-day event for the past few years, plans are in

the works to make it a whole weekend event next year. Each year the Cunninghams have hosted the event, it has grown in size and popularity. This year saw an increase in attendance and vendors over last year, and they hope to get back to its former numbers next year.

The weather this year was ideal, with warm temps and a sunny day. A handful of Clans set up tents, and there were plenty of food and drink vendors, along with a good representation of local craft vendors. While there were no highland games competition, that is in the works for next year.

We plan on attending the weekend next year, and setting up a Clan Ramsay tent. If you are in the North Texas area, come join us next May.



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Submitted by
Mike Ramsey
Vice President Clan
Ramsay International
Texas Commissioner



2025 GAMES SCHEDULE

Pikes Peak Celtic Festival

June 13th-15th, 2025

Museum Mining & Industry
Colorado Springs, CO

www.pikespeakcelticfestival.com

Stephen Williams

Northumberland Scottish Festival & Highland Games

June 20th-21st, 2025

Port Hope, Ontario, Canada
www.northumberlandhighlandgames.ca

Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve

Rencontres Franco-Ecossaises

July 11th-13th, 2025

Aubigny-sur-Nère, France
www.aubigny.net/Les-Fetes-Franco-Ecossaises

Laurent Jauaux

69th Grandfather

Mountain Games

July 10th-13th, 2025

MacRae Meadows
Grandfather Mountain/Linville, NC

www.gmhg.org

David F. Ramsey

Elizabeth Celtic Festival

July 19th & 20th, 2025

Casey Jones Park/Elizabeth, CO
Www.elizabethcelticfest.org

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Uxbridge Scottish Festival

July 26th, 2025

Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada
www.uxbridgescottishfestival.com

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

August 9th & 10th, 2025

Fergus, Ontario, Canada N1M 3S1
www.fergusscottishfestival.com

Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve

159th Pleasanton Scottish Highland Gathering & Games

August 30th & 31st, 2025

Alameda Fairgrounds/Pleasanton CA
www.thescottishgames.com

Craig Ramsay

Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival

September 5th-7th, 2025

1209 Manford Ave Estes Park, CO
www.scotfest.com

Stephen Williams

Middle Tennessee Highland Games & Celtic Festival

September 6th-7th, 2025

Sanders Ferry Park
Hendersonville, TN

www.midtenngames.com

Laurie Karr

Columbus Scottist Festival September 13th-14th, 2025

Bartholomew Fairgrounds

Columbus, Indiana

www.scottishfestival.org

Pam Ramsey McNeil

Colorado Highland Games September 20th & 21st, 2025

Denver Polo Club/Sedalia, CO

www.scottishgames.org

Stephen Williams

Aztec Highland Games

October 4th-5th, 2025

Riverside Park/Aztec, New Mexico
www.aztechighlandgames.com

Stephen Williams

2025 Clan Ramsay AMG Stone Mountain Highland Games

October 17th-19th, 2025

Stone Mountain Park
Stone Mountain, GA

<http://www.smhg.org/>

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