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Clan Ramsay, South Jersey Barrel Racing, & Horses

As Clan Commissioner for Maryland I have sponsored my nephew's wife, Rebecca "Becky" Shurig DeMille, with the Clan Ramsay logo as part of her financial support during the 2025 barrel racing season. This was a small effort on my part to introduce the Clan Ramsay logo to a different type of potential membership! Barrel racing has a proud history as an a very competitive individual sport within the American rodeo.

The horse also has a proud history in the Celtic world. The following quotes are from an article in the National Geographic History magazine, May/June 2025 issue, "The Horse in the Celtic World", by Erich Lessing. "Although horses were valued as military and status symbols across Celtic societies, they were rarely part of agricultural work...Untainted by rural toil and costly to maintain, horses became the animal par excellence of aristocrats. They played a prominent role in warfare, at first to pull light war chariots"...in the fourth century B.C. full calvary units appeared.

In time, the Celts would become renowned as horsemen throughout the ancient world, especially among the Romans, who often employed them as mercenaries to bolster their mounted forces"...In the Celtic world, the value of the horse was not limited to the pragmatic: It also held religious significance".

"The Gauls recognized a horse divinity called Epona, whose followers spread throughout the Roman Empire. The Irish Celts has a war goddess called Macha, who was linked with horses...depict the horse as a psychopomp, responsible for leading the souls of the deceased into the afterlife".

While watching my niece-in-law Becky barrel race is nothing so dramatic, it is exciting! Just don't blink because the ride is all over in less than twenty-six seconds!

Submitted by
Dr. William Hadyn Roberts, Jr.
CAPT MSC USN (RET)
Maryland Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International



Rebecca "Becky" Shurig DeMille competes in a 2025 South Jersey barrel racing event, skillfully guiding her horse around a barrel as they race against the clock. Becky's focused expression and control highlight the skill and adrenaline of this popular equestrian sport.

Women's barrel racing is a thrilling rodeo event where female riders race against the clock. They guide their horse in a precise cloverleaf pattern around three barrels arranged in a triangle, emphasizing speed, agility, and tight turns. The fastest time wins, showcasing the deep partnership and trust between horse and rider. A "thinking outside the box" avenue to take in publicizing the Clan Ramsay name.

The fastest officially recognized women's barrel racing time on a standard WPRA rodeo pattern in the United States is 16.479 seconds, set by Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi on her horse Kisskiss Bangbang at an event on September 25, 2015.

A Celebration

Clan Ramsay International will mark its 50th anniversary with a special celebration,

“A Gathering in the High Country”
Saturday,
July 11, 2026

Following a day at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Clan members and guests are warmly invited to join David and Sue Ramsey for a catered dinner at their home. The evening will provide a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, reflection on five decades of Clan history, and celebration of Scottish heritage in the beautiful North Carolina High Country.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, July 11, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Home of David and Sue Ramsey, 102 Braswell Rd, Newland, NC 28657

Parking: On the grass, do not park on the roadway or shoulder.

Menu: Catered Chicken Parmesan served with a pasta side, salad, and dessert

Beverages: Lemonade, tea, water and soft drinks will be provided; guests are welcome to BYOB

The cost to attend is \$25.00 per person, payable in advance. Early reservations are encouraged.

To Attend

Please RSVP or for more information to:

david@ramseyengineering.com

Mail payment by check made payable to Clan Ramsay to:

David Ramsey, Treasurer
102 Braswell Road
Newland, NC 28657

This milestone gives us a wonderful chance to come together as a Clan, celebrate our shared heritage, and enjoy the camaraderie that has defined Clan Ramsay International for fifty years.

Submitted by
David Ramsey
Treasurer
Clan Ramsay International



Rest in Peace

Conyers, Georgia
27 April 2026

It is with deep sadness that the family of George Ramsay announces his passing. George lived a remarkable life of 99 years, 8 months, and 3 days, filled with joy, connection, and a deep appreciation for Scottish heritage and community.

He particularly cherished his annual visits to the Stone Mountain Highland Games, where he looked forward to seeing friends and being warmly welcomed into the tent each year. Those gatherings brought him special happiness and made the experience even more meaningful.



Visitation was held on May 8, 2026, at George Levett Funeral Home, Conyers and his funeral took place on Friday, May 9, 2026, at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Conyers.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to all who were part of George's life and who shared in the many happy moments with him over the years. Your friendship and kindness brought him great joy.



C.G. and Nancy M. Miller attended the St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg, Virginia Burns Night Supper on March 28th. The event had been postponed due to inclement weather in January.

Greetings Members of Clan Ramsay International,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer so far and are able to spend time with family and friends at the highland games in your area. I have been busy with all the family celebrations, graduations and social events that the season brings. Each event has been rewarding and a time to share stories of family heritage and learn more about my ancestors. I can't wait to spend time with many of you this summer and to hear about your family events as well.

Congratulations to the newly appointed Clan Ramsay International European Convener, Christian Jamin. The officers of Clan Ramsay International have expressed their full confidence in his ability to carry out this responsibility with dignity, loyalty and dedication in service to the traditions and values of Clan Ramsay. Please join me in congratulating him on this appointment and in offering him your full support in the exercise of his duties.

Christian takes over from Laurent Jaunaux. We are grateful for Laurent's many years of service to our organization and his efforts in expanding our reach in Europe as our Convener. We wish him all the best.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, North Carolina July 9 through the 12th. We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Clan Ramsay International at the games where our clan Convener, Carl Bailey first represented our organization in 1976. See the announcement in this newsletter providing more details about the celebration to be held on July 11.

As a reminder, our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Colorado Highland Games in Sedalia, Colorado September 26 and 27, 2026.

We as an organization have been represented by our regional commissioners at quite a few highland games since the start of the 2026 season. Thank you to all of our commissioners who have taken the time to represent Clan Ramsay at these games and continue to share your passion for our heritage.

As always, we are always on the lookout for regional commissioners to represent Clan Ramsay International at highland games. If you would like to help, do not hesitate to contact Clan Ramsay International or myself. In many areas we have no one



and in others only one person. We would love to have your help as we continue to reach out to all our extended family, helping them find their ancestry and heritage.

I look forward to seeing many of you this summer and spending time together.

Ora et Labora
Pam Ramsey McNeill
President
Clan Ramsay International

Colorado Tartan Day

Longmont, Colorado
11-13 April 2026

During the second weekend of April, the Boulder County Fairgrounds comes alive with the sound of bagpipes, music, swords, laughter, and the celebration of Tartan — especially the Colorado Tartan. This year marked the 18th Annual Colorado Tartan Day, the first major festival of the season in the Rocky Mountain West. A new board (including representation from Clan Ramsay), a fresh vision, and the largest turnout ever helped make this year's event a resounding success. With over thirty Clans and Societies represented, the weekend was filled with friends, family, and fellowship.

The Colorado clan family proudly deployed our new 10x20 festival tent, complete with custom canopy artwork designed by Mike Ramsey. The tent faced its first real test on Sunday afternoon when nearly 60 mph straight-line winds swept across the field with little warning — a classic Colorado spring storm. Thanks to its sturdy construction and the solid anchoring system installed by Matthew Ramsey, the tent sustained only minor damage to a single roof strut. The strut was promptly repaired on-site by Stav Mallookis of the tent supplier.

Stav and his family, who are of Greek descent, thoroughly enjoyed the festival. They were fascinated by the variety of tartans and particularly impressed by B&D's Mediterranean Street Eats. Stav called their gyro one of the best he had ever tasted. We agree and have already booked them for next year's festival.

Yes — Greek at a Scottish Festival! Did you know there is an "Eleftheria" Tartan? The name comes from the Greek word for "freedom," and the design was inspired by the historic friendship between Scotland and Greece. With strong leadership and growing attendance, Colorado Tartan Day continues to educate and celebrate Scottish culture and history.

Submitted by
Stephen Williams
Colorado Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International



L-R) Wayne Ramsey Premo, Stephen & Michele Williams, Tim Hale, Kaylee, Matthew (the younger), Matthew (the Elder), Megan, and Emma Ramsey

Tartan Day



**North Texas Caledonian
Pipes & Drums with Mike Ramsey**

University of Texas at Dallas
Richardson, Texas
21 April 2026

The Intercultural Department at the University of Texas at Dallas presents a wide range of international cultural events and programs, and April 21 was the day to celebrate tartans. While I wear a kilt every day at work, I took part in their program, wearing my mother's Shaw tartan kilt that day.

Presenting an hour-long session of pipe tunes was the North Texas Caledonian Pipes and Drums. This award-winning group is one of my favorite local pipe bands, often seen at Burn's Suppers, local festivals, and anything where kilts and bagpipes appear.

UTD is quite an international campus, and there were many questions about kilts, pipes, and Scottish culture. The event was well received and will almost certainly be apart of next year's Culture Month.

Submitted by
Mike Ramsey
Vice President
Texas Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International

Europe Celebrates Ladies Night

Brussels, Belgium
26 April 2026

For the sixth consecutive year, the private salons of the Club Royal des Officiers du Régiment des Guides in Brussels hosted our Scottish Ladies' Night.

Held in honour of our ladies and of Sir Walter Scott, the evening brought together distinguished clan representatives and members: Philippe for Clan Sutherland; Lady Dorothea, European Convenor of Clan Hay; Sabrina for Clan McKinnon; Baron Michel Pilette-Vlug for the Scottish Feudal Barony of Kinneair; and, of course, our own Clan Ramsay.

Sir Walter Scott played a decisive historical role in transforming the kilt and tartan — once rural dress and, for a time, banned symbols of rebellion — into national emblems of Scotland. His most famous intervention came in August 1822, when he organised the official visit of King George IV to Edinburgh. For this historic occasion, Scott persuaded clan chiefs, Lowland dignitaries and the King himself to wear tartan, thereby helping to reinvent the cultural identity of a nation then facing economic and political uncertainty. In Edinburgh, his memory is celebrated every March at the Scott Monument.

Our guests entered the club's grand lounge, where they were welcomed by Drum Major Dominique in full dress uniform and enchanted by the captivating sound of Piper's Phil, our well-known social-media musician.

The local curator opened the evening by welcoming the guests, introducing the artists and drawing attention to the prestigious setting of the reception.

Steeped in the traditions of the Belgian military cavalry since 1855, this officers' club keeps alive a spirit of camaraderie and chivalric values. It is a distinguished place of exchange, bringing together members of the Royal Family and leading figures from political, diplomatic and academic circles for renowned dinner-conferences.

In keeping with our tradition, Dame Dorothea, European Convenor of Clan Hay, deeply touched the guests by offering each of them a magnificent white rose.

Ladies' Night Artistic Evening

Inge Frimout is a harpist, composer and music publisher. She is particularly recognised for her original harp compositions, her educational projects and her international artistic collaborations.

She is the daughter-in-law of Belgian astronaut Dirk Frimout, the first Belgian to travel into space. On King's Day at the Belgian Federal Parliament, she performed a personal harp composition on the theme "The Belgians and Space" and performed and sang a compilation of traditional and contemporary songs.

Piper's Phil Philippe Van De Velde, known as "Piper's Phil", is a Belgian bagpiper trained with the Celtic Passion Pipe Band. He offers tailor-made performances, either solo or at the head of musical ensembles, for private and official events, including weddings, birthdays and national commemorations. Recognised for his commitment, he regularly collaborates with firefighters and the Belgian Defence and actively takes part in commemorative ceremonies in Belgium and France, particularly those linked to D-Day. Piper's Phil performed several musical pieces for us, including "Heroes of St Valery" during dinner and closed the evening with the traditional "Auld Lang Syne".

Flandrach VZW is a school offering classes in Scottish Highland dancing, National dancing and Irish dancing, including both hard-shoe tap dancing and soft-shoe dancing. Students practise solo dances as well as traditional group dances, including céilí and figure dances. The dancers displayed their agility, stamina and elegance through a series of complex dances, including "Ghillie Calum" and the celebrated "Dirk Dance".

Ladies' Night Gastronomic Evening

Welcomed by Dame Carine and her team, we took our places in the dining rooms at beautifully laid tables. The silverware, engraved with the names of officers of the cavalry regiment, lent a historical sparkle to the occasion.



Harpist Inge Frimout

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The menu :

*Salmon Carpaccio w/Seasonal White Asparagus
Lemon Vinaigrette with Fresh Herbs
Farm-Raised Chicken Supreme,
Rutabaga Mousseline & Spring Morels
Chicken Jus w/Yellow Wine
Spirit of Snickers® Chocolate/Peanut/Caramel*

White and red wines, selected from the Regiment's cellar, accompanied the meal.

Traditional Toasts

Before dessert, the local Ramsay Commissioner proposed the traditional toasts: first to the King, then to the chiefs of the clans present and to their members. Last but not least, a third toast was raised in honour of our ladies.

Special Sir Walter Scott

Inge Frimout performed "Jock o' Hazeldean" in honour of Sir Walter Scott. Lady Dorothea Hay recited the celebrated poem "The Lay of the Last Minstrel", in which Sir Walter Scott evokes the customs and manners that once prevailed along the borders of England and Scotland.

Closing The Evening

The evening drew to a close with a final toast to friendship and a chain of solidarity, accompanied by the rendition of "Auld Lang Syne" by Piper's Phil, as everyone promised to return in excellent form in 2027.



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

Grand East Europe

Clan Activities

Autumn 2025 – Summer 2026

In early September 2025, the Clan Ramsay held its traditional autumn gathering with a champagne and whisky tasting evening. The event took place in a magnificent 18th-century vaulted cellar that has, over the years, become an emblematic and festive meeting place for our Clan. Our sincere thanks go to Serge, a loyal supporter of the Clan, who generously makes this unique venue available to us.

Burns Night – January 2026

At the end of January 2026, our Burns Night celebration took place in a truly Scottish atmosphere. Surrounded by hunting trophies and traditional décor, members enjoyed poetry, songs, music and whisky tasting alongside a haggis specially prepared for the group.

Our host Julien contributed greatly to the success of the evening through his enthusiasm and warm hospitality. The other guests present that evening were intrigued and delighted by our traditions. They happily shared our whiskies and discovered Scottish culture and rituals with genuine curiosity and interest.

The evening also marked the welcoming of a new household into the Clan: Gérard and Claude Devillers. After following our activities for three years, they officially joined us. We warmly welcome them to the RAMSAY family.

We are already looking forward to gathering again on 4 February 2027.

Winter 2026

During the winter, several Clan members travelled to Scotland to pay tribute to our Clansman Olivier, who passed away far too soon and whose memory remains deeply present among us every day.

Meanwhile, Nicolas PAGNIEZ and Philippe MERLE are currently preparing a new trip to Scotland for Clan members... but for now, the details remain a surprise.

A New Convener for Europe

23 May 2026 marks an important milestone for the European branch of Clan Ramsay International. We had the honour and pleasure of welcoming our new Convener, Christian Jamin, now serving as Commissioner for Northern Europe. He succeeds Laurent Jaunaux who, after eleven years of loyal and dedicated service, has stepped down in order to

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Decatur Scottish Festival

Decatur, Texas
01-03 May 2026



The symbolic handover of the keys to the city.

devote himself fully to his new responsibilities.

Laurent has recently been appointed Officer at the International Office of Clan Ramsay. We extend to him our very best wishes for success in this new role. His joy and emotion during our AGM clearly reflected his enthusiasm for this new chapter.

Summer 2026

From 10 to 13 July 2026, the traditional festive gathering of Aubigny-sur-Nère will once again take place. As always, tartans, bagpipes and Scottish spirit will fill this major Clan event. The Grand East delegation will proudly be there to share in these moments of fraternity and tradition.

Submitted by

Marie Corinne Corbet LeFranc
Commissioner EU Grand East
Clan Ramsay International



Oliver Loyot, Marie Corinne, & Denis Morel

The largest Scottish festival in North Texas had been the Texas Scots Festival for years, beginning at the University of Texas at Arlington campus, and then moving to Decatur TX. It remained the most popular festival for a few years, and then never quite recovered after everything closed up in 2020.

Riding in to the rescue, was our fellow unicorn Clan, Cunningham. Bruce Cunningham, who lives in Decatur, could not let the festival in his town die, and set out to keep it going. The first couple of years, he could only attract enough bands, clans, and vendors for a one day event. This year was the first of an all weekend festival.

Attendance was up from previous years, partly due to the good weather, but also because there is a pent up demand for things to do in North Texas where you can wear a kilt.

Sharon and I met up with Larry Ramsey and wife Amanda from Fort Worth. We did not set up a Clan Ramsay tent this year, waiting to see what kind of numbers to anticipate next year. Larry and Amanda set up and staffed a tent for the Cowtown Scottish Society.

I will likely ask Larry and Amanda about setting up our two tents together next year, so that Clan Ramsay will be well represented.



Submitted by
Mike Ramsey
Vice President
Texas
Commissioner
Clan Ramsay
International

Larry Ramsey, Amanda Ramsey,
& Mike Ramsey

Carroll County Celtic Festival

Carroll County, Maryland
13-14 June 2026

Clan Ramsey was represented for the first time at the Carroll County Celtic Festival by my wife Janet Fujikawa and me. This was the 5th year for the festival, which was created to fill the vacuum left by the demise of the Celtic festival previously held in Mt. Airy. I received an email invitation to bring our clan and happily accepted. In total, there were twenty-eight clans represented in the Village.

Our clan table displayed various tartan maps along with the Ramsay red and blue tartans. We also had several Ramsay wine bottles that we used as paperweights! I handed out several membership applications for Clan Ramsey. Since Janet and I are both retired Navy veterans, we also distributed applications for the Scottish American Military Society – "With Fire and Sword" – as well as the Brotherhood of Kilted Veterans.

The Clan Village was set up inside one of the large buildings at the Agricultural Center. The main stage was also located there, we had a great view of two full days of Scottish and Celtic performances. It is unusual for the Clan Village to be indoors, which made the set-up much easier and protected us from the weather.

Celtic and general food vendors were plentiful outside the building, and the sports arena in the center hosted all the traditional Celtic Games events. There were over twenty Celtic merchandise vendors, and as usual, I spent more money than I had planned!

There was also a singing/drinking tent, as well as several red, silver, and dun Scottish "coos" that visitors could pay \$10 to brush. We also enjoyed sheep herding demonstrations and a living history exhibit. Overall, it was an excellent Celtic Festival, and Clan Ramsay will be represented there again in future years.



Submitted by
Dr. William Hadyn Roberts, Jr.
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Maryland Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International

Loch Norman 2026

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Huntersville, North Carolina
18-19 April 2026

The Loch Norman Highland Games once again delivered a standout blend of Scottish heritage, world-class competitions, and lively festival atmosphere. Easy parking made arrival and departure a breeze, adding to the welcoming feel.

For the Ramsays, Loch Norman remains one of our favorite gatherings, known for attracting top Highland dancers, athletes, and outstanding pipe and drum bands.

This year, a great group gathered at the Ramsay tent, where guests enjoyed a generous food spread and a shady spot for conversation. As usual, the weather kept us alert—Saturday hit 92 degrees, turning "hydrate" into the word of the day. Despite the heat, spirits stayed high with music, athletics, and good company.

We especially enjoyed welcoming first-time visitors. Jamey and Candy Farmer from Charlotte who stopped by in the morning, and Candy joined as our newest member using the QR code. They spent time visiting and plan to join us at Grandfather Mountain in July. We also welcomed Angela Burgess from nearby Dallas, NC, who has likewise joined the group.



Jamey & Candy Farmer

We're already looking forward to Loch Norman 2027. If you haven't attended, we highly recommend adding it to your schedule. It's a wonderful mix of tradition, competition, and community. Hope to see both familiar and new faces next year!

Submitted by
Mona Ramsey
North Carolina Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International

Cheyenne Celtic Bison Games & Celtic Festival

Cheyenne, Wyoming
13-14 June 2026

From the Capitol City of Wyoming, the least densely populated of the 48 Continental United States, Clan Ramsay was proud to sponsor the 21st Annual Cheyenne Celtic Bison Games and Celtic Festival. In partnership with the Cheyenne Depot Museum, this Games-centric festival has become a “must attend” for many Clans in the Rocky Mountain West. Lions Park, with well-kept and lush grounds, a new athletic field with a new field house and a large lake adjacent, is an inviting venue. With free admission to the public, completely pet-friendly, and a field layout that allows visitors to easily see the games action, as well as the many clans, re-enactors, musicians, and vendors, this festival is a surprise jewel on the edge of the High Plains.

We set up a somewhat smaller presence here and enjoyed the company of 18 other Clans – more than double last year’s festival. Matthew, Kaylee, and Emma Ramsey were stellar in engaging with the young people that visited Clan Ramsay – providing stamps for Passports and an array of unicorn-themed prizes.

In a conversation that I had earlier in the year with Clan Ramsay International leadership, there did not seem to be any recorded members, past or present, of Clan Ramsay resident in Wyoming... until Saturday morning. We were pleased to meet Pery Ramsey of Cheyenne and spoke with him at length about the various lines and histories of Clan Ramsay. We have added him to our contact list and have provided him with all details on how to join the group as well as invitations to the other festivals in Colorado during the rest of 2026. We hope to have him as the first member in Wyoming!

Clan Ramsay was selected as BEST CLAN for the 2026 Games, an honor that was in no small part to the superb engagement with our younger visitors by our youngest family members. Their parents, Matthew and Megan are very proud of them, as are we all!

The team that puts together this festival deserve applause for keeping our Celtic Traditions alive and, based on this year’s joyful event, the future success of these Games seems certain.

Submitted by
Stephen Williams
Colorado Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International



(L-R) Kaylee, Matthew, & Emma Ramsey with the 2026 Cheyenne Celtic Bison Games & Celtic Festival Best Clan Shield!

Drew Olvey – Our Champion!

Drew Olvey, our Highland Athletic Director, took Second Place Overall in the Men’s Amateur “A” Class at the Cheyenne Celtic Bison Games. He won First Place in the Heavy Weight for Distance, and the Caber Toss, and placed Second in the Braemar Stone, Heavy Hammer, Light Hammer, and Sheaf Toss.

His rise through the Amateur Competition Ranks, proudly competing in Ramsay Blue tartan, has been nothing short of meteoric and we are honored and proud to have Drew and his wife Cameron Ramsey Olvey (as well as their first child, due on October 31st), as our dear friends and family.



DNA Project Update

We have given away eight DNA kits from the funds donated a couple of years ago, and by my calculations, we have enough for about two more to give away to good candidates. If you are a male Clan Ramsay member, or a female member with a direct male Ramsay/Ramsey relative, submit your family tree information, with your earliest known Ramsay/Ramsey ancestor, including as much detail as you have, such as middle names, maiden names, and birth/death places/dates. Our DNA committee selects the candidate for a free test that appears to help the most other members with their genealogical research.

If you would like to help other members find their Ramsay roots, please consider donating to the Clan's DNA fund. Contact Treasurer David Ramsey for information; david@ramseyengineering.com.

We have two DNA kit recipients waiting for results. Anthony Maule, who has traced his family back to the Maules of Brechin, and is hoping to combine his family tree with that of the Dalhousie line, had hoped to have his preliminary results back in time to report in this edition of the newsletter. However, patience is often required in waiting for these results, and we anticipate having more information for Anthony next quarter.

I tracked down Hayden Erickson Ramsay of Washington State, known to be related to several of our Australian Ramseys, and persuaded him to submit a sample. This family has a known ancestor in Scotland in 1605, and is a key to a large group of Clan Ramsay members in the E haplogroup.

Hayden's first round of results came in, confirming his recorded common ancestor with the Australians, and we will have his second round in time for the next newsletter.

One of Clan Ramsay's former members, Alfred Joseph Ramsey, died earlier this year after a long fight with Alzheimer's. Alfred had submitted a DNA sample long ago, and was one of my first matches. After many years of discussion, his widow Kathy has allowed me to manage his DNA account, and we asked to have the sample upgraded to the Big Y test.

Those results are now in, and Alfred has helped refine a more recent branch of the E haplogroup, who are proven to share a common ancestor, at least back to 1765. We have not yet been able to find the common ancestor among their family trees, but DNA shows they share one ancestor.

In researching many DNA lines, I have begun using ChatGPT (AI tool) to help work through possible connections based upon combining DNA and traditional genealogy methods. AI can help reduce the time required to parse through all the different combinations of DNA results and family trees. It doesn't do the work for you, but just helps do it faster.

My personal goal is to tie all of my thirty-odd related families to the earliest known ancestor in Ayrshire, around 1600. Let me know if you would like to dip your toe into using AI for genealogy.



Submitted by
Mike Ramsey
Vice President
Texas Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International

2026 GAMES SCHEDULE

Northumberland Scottish Festival & Highland Games

June 20th-21st, 2026
Port Hope, Ontario, Canada
www.northumberlandhighlandgames.ca
Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve

Cortez Celtic Fair June 27th 2026

Parque de Vida
Cortez, Colorado
www.cortezcelticfair.com
Stephen Williams

Rencontres Franco-Ecossaises July 10th-12th, 2026

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

70th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

July 9th-12th, 2026
MacRae Meadows
Grandfather Mountain/Linville, NC
www.gmhg.org
David F. Ramsey

Elizabeth Celtic Festival July 18th & 19th, 2026

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

Uxbridge Scottish Festival July 26th, 2026

Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada
www.uxbridgescottishfestival.com
Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve

Scottish Highland Gathering & Games

September 5th & 6th, 2026
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 12th & 13th, 2026

Sanders Ferry Park
Hendersonville, TN
www.midtenngames.com
Laurie Karr

Columbus Scottish Festival September 12th & 13th, 2026

Bartholomew Fairgrounds
Columbus, Indiana
www.scottishfestival.org
Pam Ramsey McNeil

2026 Clan Ramsay AMG Colorado Highland Games

September 26th & 27th, 2026
Denver Polo Club/Sedalia, CO
www.scottishgames.org
Stephen Williams

Aztec Highland Games October 3rd & 4th, 2026

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

Stone Mountain Highland Games October 16th-18th, 2026

Stone Mountain Park
Stone Mountain, GA
www.smhg.org
David F. Ramsey

Moab Celtic Festival October 16th-18th, 2026

Center Street Ballpark
Moab, Utah
www.scotsontherocksmoab.org
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