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2026 Clan Ramsay AGM

On behalf of the Colorado Branch of Clan Ramsay, we warmly welcome Clan Ramsay International to the Rocky Mountains for the 2026 AGM at the 62nd Annual Colorado Highland Games, September 26 & 27, in Sedalia, CO.

These are the friendliest, fastest-growing, and most affordable Highland Games in the Rocky Mountain West. Held at the scenic Denver Polo Club on 100 acres of well-groomed grounds, the event offers ample space for Clans, vendors, musicians, whisky tasting, WUSPBA-sanctioned pipe band and solo competitions, Highland dancing, the Parade of Clans, the Dogs of the British Isles Parade, a vintage auto show—and plenty of room for you to enjoy it all.

Denver International Airport is just 45 minutes away, with many non-stop flights available. Quality lodging and dining options abound within 15 minutes in nearby Highlands Ranch. For extended visits, Rocky Mountain National Park is a 90-minute drive, and the Pikes Peak Highway summit (14,115 ft) is just over an hour south.

Late September weather here is typically pleasant—mild days without summer's intense heat. Sedalia sits at about 5,850 feet, so significant snow is unlikely, but Colorado weather can surprise. Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated in our low humidity (often 15% or less)—we'll have water and uisge (whisky) ready for all!

Our Colorado Branch enjoys long-term sponsor ties with regional pipers and a pipe band, earning a full Pipe Band salute from the Pikes Peak Highlanders Pipes and Drums each day we're both present—it always draws a crowd to the tent!

In remembrance of departed Clan members and friends since the last AGM, we'll hold a moving "Flowers of the Forest" honor presentation with pipe salute. We also proudly honor the late MAJ Robert "Bob" Ramsey USMC, led by Colorado Deputy State Commissioner CPL Matthew Ramsey USMC (Vet.), joined by LCDR Michael Watson USNR, MM2(SS) Stephen Williams USN (Vet.), and a local Young Marines unit.

We're thrilled to host everyone and look forward to providing great Scottish hospitality in the Rockies. See you in Sedalia!



Submitted
Stephen Williams
Colorado State Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International

For details on the 62nd Colorado Highland Games

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2026: Fifty Years at Grandfather in July

In 1976 I set up the first tent at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games bearing the name Clan Ramsay. I had been attending the Games for several years trying to make contacts. I had gotten to know the president of the Games, Bobby Groves, and the field marshal, Lee Bass. I wanted to start making more contacts, so decided that representation at the game would help.

At the 1975 Games I talked to Bobby and Lee about setting up a tent. New organizing Clans had not been allowed to have a tent. Up to that time all of the Clans had formal organizations. They were not sure that they could allow me to represent Clan Ramsay. They asked me to come up to the field on Friday before the 1976 Games.

At that time the games were very small. You could drive up the meadow any time Saturday or Sunday and find parking. There was unused space in several areas around the field. The Friday before the 1976 games I went up to the field. Lee Bass looked at the empty space and decided that could set up a Ramsay tent. He assigned me a space behind the stands next to one of the bands.

The problem is that I had nothing to set up. I went to my house and found an old camping canopy left from Dot's Girl Scout troop and a couple of small redwood benches. I found a folding chair, but could not find a table. A piece of cardboard cut from the side of a box and hand lettered "Clan Ramsay" completed the setup.

On Saturday morning, my children Tom and daughter Dorothy, and myself went up to the meadow to represent the non-existent Clan Ramsay. I wore my new red kilt. The children wore Ramsay Blue kilts that Dot had made for them. We did not have flags, displays, a table, or food that is usually present in a clan tent. Needless to say, we had the most bare bones tent that year. The only picture that I have is enclosed. Our location was out of the way without much traffic. There were few visitors with no contacts made, but I learned a lot about presentation at games.

In 1977 I set up a better display in a better location. There were enough interested parties that we started the process of organizing the clan.

In 1978 we received permission from the Earl of Dalhousie to organize under his name. So, in 2026 we celebrate 50 years at GMHG along with the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Submitted by
Carl Bailey
Convener
Clan Ramsay International



Tom & Dorothy Bailey

March 2026
Greetings Members of Clan Ramsay
International,

As the highland games season gets off to a start, I look forward to seeing many of you and appreciate the hard work and dedication that it takes to represent Clan Ramsay International at the many highland games and celebrations of our heritage around the world.

As a clan commissioner or member who is available to set up a tent for Clan Ramsay International at a highland game or festival, there are as many ways to represent our association as there are commissioners. While some have elaborate displays, others may only have a few items to share and a passion for our association. Each is appreciated. Most of all it's about being able to greet people and help them find an answer to any question that they have about how to find their own connections to a clan association. It's a chance to make someone feel a part of, by sharing stories about how you found your connection to Clan Ramsay International or stories about your own family heritage and about our history. Our connection and the fellowship we share often encourages others to seek a deeper understanding of their own genealogy and ties to their ancestors.

If you would like to become a clan commissioner or be of service to our association in any other way, please contact me.

I am excited to announce that our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Colorado Highland Games in Sedalia, Colorado September 26 and 27, 2026. Our Colorado commissioner, will be sharing additional details about this event in this newsletter. Thank you to Stephen Williams and the Colorado branch of Clan Ramsay International for hosting our gathering. I can't wait to see you all there.

If you have the chance I would love to meet you. Coming soon the St Louis Scottish Games will be held at Schroeder Park in Manchester Missouri on May 16, 2026. I will be setting up a tent and representing Clan Ramsay at this event.

I wish you all the best and look forward to spending time with all of you.

Ora et Labora
Pam Ramsey McNeil
President
Clan Ramsay International



Sherman Celtic Festival

March 21-22
Sherman, Texas

2026 was the 9th year for the Sherman Celtic Festival, and each year, more Clans, pipers, Highland dancers, athletes, vendors, and spectators come to celebrate their cultural heritage.

While the focus is on Scottish culture and heritage, Irish and other Celtic traditions are featured. The Choctaw Nation perform their song, dance, and games. There are French swordsmen, a Viking village, Irish wolfhounds, whiskey tastings, and many, many local craft vendors. Plenty of food available, and of course, lots of opportunity to buy Scottish kilts and accessories.

The pipe bands, Highland dancers, and Highland Games athletes all compete for prizes and records. Pipers play all day, cheers from the crowds as a record caber toss is recorded, and dancers of all ages show their talents, all weekend.

This year, North Texas had beautiful weather, with sunny clear blue skies, and above average temperatures. The only weather challenge was the higher than average winds, which forced some vulnerable Clan displays inside the tent or packed away. On the plus side, unlike some previous years, no Clan tents were broken or blown away.

Clan Ramsay was well represented, with more participating in the Clan parade on Saturday than in previous years. We are slowly growing our presence in North Texas and South Oklahoma, and will keep recruiting current and prospective members to make this festival a gathering place for Ramsay and Ramsey families. Larry and wife Amanda of Fort Worth visited the tent on Saturday night.

Distant cousin Keith Ramsey, we share a 6th Great Grandfather Thomas Ramsey b. 1750, marched with us on Saturday & wife Krisanne visited the Ramsay tent.

My own family is growing, with the addition of identical twin granddaughters Adeline and Lorrelai aka Addie & Rory. My son Stephen, his wife



Mike Ramsey and Larry Ramsey

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Nikki, and the twins were all in Sherman and marched with us in the parade.

We're slowly adding more and more Clan Ramsay decorations to our festival tent setup. Let me know if you ever see something you think you can use for your own local tent. (See Below)

The Sherman Celtic Festival is growing each year, and if it continues to be the region's go-to festival, we might recommend it for an annual meeting location.

If you are in the North Texas or South Oklahoma area make plans to visit us March 2026.

<https://shermancelticfest.com>



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**Submitted by
Mike Ramsey
Vice President
Texas Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International**



No ID, Krisanne & Keith Ramsey, and Mike



Mike, Nikki, Addie, Stephen, Rory, and Sharon



Celtic Festival Saturday Parade



New Clan Ramsay Images for Banners & Flags Available

I have put together some new high resolution images to be used in banners and flags at festivals. If you would like any of them, email me at snmike@prodigy.net.

Free to any members who can use them.

Take a look at most recent Clan Ramsey tent setup at the Sherman Celtic Festival.

**Submitted by
Mike Ramsey
Vice President
Clan Ramsay International
Texas Commissioner**

61st Annual Colorado Highland Games

Sedalia, Colorado
27 & 28 September 2025

These games began in 1963, and for many years were held in Highlands Ranch, CO and a variety of different locations in recent years. With new ideas and leadership at the St. Andrew Society of Colorado, and a return to the original name of the “Colorado Highland Games”, this festival has enjoyed steady growth over the past three years.

The Colorado Highland Games, for the past three years, has found a home in Sedalia, CO at the spacious and easily accessible grounds of the Denver Polo Club and will continue for, at least, the next five years with a new lease agreement just finalized.

With a curated selection of the very best food and merchandise vendors in the Western US, along with well-known musical artists, both regional and international, the very popular antique car displays, the Parade of Dogs of the British Isles, a solid selection of whiskys in presentation, and the overall “vibe and feel” of the field, I believe THIS festival will become THE premier games in Colorado. This is also a sentiment expressed by many of the Clan Representatives with which we spoke during the event.

The accessibility and affordability of this festival was also demonstrated by the larger-than-expected number of attendees, with many young families, enjoying the weekend.

Of course, the WUSPBA-sanctioned Piping and Drumming competitions were very well attended and in the Highland Athletics world, our very own Drew Olvey received his appointment as Colorado State Athletic Director for Clan Ramsay in recognition of his stellar accomplishments during this year’s competition season. You can read more about Drew (and see Drew) on page 11 in this month’s newsletter.

Speaking of appointments, as the Colorado Branch of Clan Ramsay has steadily grown, I decided to honor and appoint Matthew Ramsey as Deputy Colorado State Commissioner, Tim Hale as Herald and Historian, Michele Williams as Chatelaine and Historian, and Megan Ramsey as Social Media Manager. Also, in recognition of his many years of service, Wayne Ramsey Premo was presented with an appointment to Colorado State Commissioner Emeritus and Genealogist. These great people continue to be the core of our Colorado presence and we’re all ready to expand into Wyoming and New Mexico for the 2026 Season.

The growing number of young people among the Clans in Colorado has been truly a renewal of faith in the future of preservation of our Scottish Heritage and Arts. An example is that of Matthew Ramsey, the younger. He had expressed to his parents an interest in learning the Highland Pipes and, at the age of 9, this was the time to begin. The Colorado Branch of Clan Ramsay provided Matthew with his very first practice chanter and lesson book, along with a hands-on session of beginning technique. He has been introduced to the leadership of the Colorado Youth



Stephen Williams
presenting
Matthew Ramsey
with his well-deserved
appointment
Deputy Colorado State
Commissioner
with Michele Williams
Chatelaine and
Historian



Young Matthew Ramsey, the younger,
hard at work on the practice chanter

Pipe Band and they’re ready to help him continue his piping journey.

Honestly, pages could be written about how incredible this weekend was, with a true spirit of fun and kinship clearly felt by all. Instead of reading about it, come experience this event in-person and consider making a late-September trip to the Denver metropolitan area in 2026 for the Colorado Highland Games. We can’t wait to see you!

Submitted
Stephen Williams
Colorado State Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International



The Alexander Ramsey House St. Paul, Minnesota was built from 1868-72, while Ramsey was serving in the U.S. Senate after his years as governor of Minnesota. Three generations of the Ramsey family lived in this home.

When the Ramseys first arrived in Minnesota Territory, they lived with Henry Sibley and his wife for a month, and then in the vacated headquarters of the American Fur Company in downtown St. Paul. Their first house was built in 1850, on the same property as the current mansion.

While Ramsey served in the Senate, he and Anna lived in Washington, D.C., and Marion attended boarding school in Philadelphia. Mrs. Ramsey wrote to her daughter in 1866, "Papa and myself rode over to Georgetown. I was astonished to see so many beautiful fine grounds. Papa made the sensible remark: he wished he owned such a home; how he would enjoy it: I wonder if we all would not also." Six months later, they contacted St. Paul builders Leonard & Sheire.

By this point in his career, Alexander Ramsey had made a sizable fortune in real estate. The 1850 house was moved across the street and attached to Judge Horace and Mrs. Cornelia Bigelow's home. This structure no longer exists.

Architect Monroe Sheire submitted designs for the new house in the then-fashionable French Second Empire style. Contractor John Summers supervised construction of the 11,000 square foot mansion, which cost around \$47,000. The new home was equipped with the latest technology — hot and cold running water, gas lighting, and hot water radiators. Anna Ramsey went to A.T. Stewart's department store in New York to furnish the new home, shipping home two boxcars full of furnishings totaling over \$15,000.

The family moved into their new house, which they referred to as their "mansion home," in the fall of 1872. On December 20th, they held a grand opening party, with a \$1 donation to charity required for admittance. The event was promoted in the St. Paul Evening Press, who wrote: "The well known taste and skill of Mrs. Ramsey, who provides the whole evening's entertainment, and on this occasion throws open to the public for the first time her new and elegant residence, is a guarantee of a delightful occasion."

In 1875, the house's parlor hosted the wedding of Marion Ramsey to Charles E. Furness of Philadelphia. In 1882

Charles was hospitalized, and Marion moved back into the home; afterwards her three children were raised in the home.

Alexander Ramsey died at home in St. Paul on April 22, 1903. His granddaughters, Anita and Laura Furness, never married and lived in the house until their own deaths in 1959 and 1964, respectively.

Anita and Laura had been involved in the restoration of George Washington's home at Mount Vernon, and with the restoration of the home of Minnesota governor (and friend of their grandfather) Henry Sibley. Proud of the key role their grandfather had played in Minnesota history, Anita and Laura intended for the house to become a museum. Whenever Anita and Laura updated the house to more modern standards, they saved the original fixtures so they could be re-added into the house. The two sisters also left detailed accounts of how the home was furnished during the last decades of the 1800s.

The granddaughters left the house and all its contents to the Minnesota Historical Society. Today, about 95 percent of the artifacts in the house are original to the home.

The Alexander Ramsey House first opened for tours in 1965, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969.

Submitted by
Dick McGraw

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The Alexander Ramsey House is currently closed to the public while undergoing planned restoration work.

Scottish Ladies Night

**Commissioner Christian Jamin
& the Officers
of
Clan Ramsay North Europe**
take great pleasure in inviting
you to this edition of
Scottish Ladies Night



A TRIBUTE TO SIR WALTER SCOTT
IN HONOR OF OUR LADIES

The event will take place in one of the
most exclusive venues in Belgium

**Club Royal Des Officers
du Regiment des Guides
rue d'Arlon 32 in Brussels**

We hope you will enjoy this evening dinner
set in this unique location full of
military traditions & values.



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Submitted by
Christian Jamin Ramsay
Commissioner North Europe
Clan Ramsay International

Savoring the Highlands

A Traveler's Delight with Haggis Balls in Inverness

In the heart of the Scottish Highlands, where mist-shrouded mountains meet bustling Victorian streets, Inverness beckons with a timeless blend of rugged beauty and warm hospitality. As the cultural capital of the north, this gateway to Loch Ness and the Cairngorms offers more than just scenic hikes and whisky trails—it's a feast for the senses, where ancient traditions simmer in modern kitchens.



My holiday in July 2024, amid the golden haze of a Highland summer, brought this to life in the most delectable way: through a plate of panko-encrusted haggis balls, a cheeky twist on Scotland's national dish that left me utterly enchanted.

After a day exploring Inverness and the emerald banks of the River Ness, I sought refuge at The Heathmount Hotel, a stylish indie gem just a stone's throw from the city center. Tucked on Kingsmills Road, this boutique haven hums with local charm—think of crackling fires, artisanal spirits lining the bar, and a terrace that catches the fleeting Highland sun. As I checked out the menu, my eyes locked on the appetizer: golden orbs of haggis, rolled in crisp panko breadcrumbs, nestled in a velvety whisky cream sauce and crowned with vibrant watercress. It arrived steaming, the exterior yielding to a savory burst of oatmeal, lamb offal, and spices—earthy, peppery, with a whisper of whisky warmth. One bite, and I was hooked. The panko added an unexpected crunch, elevating the humble haggis staple to sophisticated starter. Paired with a dram of single malt, it was pure poetry, a harmonious nod to Scotland's thrifty roots and innovative spirit.

Are haggis balls a "thing" in Inverness? Absolutely, they're a Highland hallmark. Haggis, that poetic "great chieftain o' the puddin'-race" immortalized by Robert Burns, has long been a canvas for creativity here. In Inverness, where local butchers supply local eateries with the finest offal blends, chefs reimagine it as bon bons, croquettes, or fritters, where modern Scottish fare meets pub comfort.

This trip reminded me why Scottish culture thrives on reinvention. From ceilidhs in leaky bothies to fusion feasts in city inns, it's about community, resilience, and flavor that warms the soul. As I left Inverness I toasted to future visits. Whether you're a first-timer eyeing the classics or a devotee chasing twists, the Highlands invite you to dig in.

Slàinte—may your plate always overflow with such joys.

Submitted by
Mona Ramsay

Ramsay Connection

The Manitou Springs Colorado Volunteer Fire Department was formed as Manitou Fire Company #1 on December 18, 1879, and immediately began equipping themselves accordingly. After obtaining fire hoses and a hose cart, a cart that is still on display today in the MSVFD Fire Museum, it became necessary to solve the issue of how to notify the fire company when there was a fire.

After several years of trying to use the local elementary school bell, it became clear that another solution was needed. In the Fire Company Business Meeting Minutes of January 8, 1886, the following was written :

"Fire Marshal J.L. Rand reported that the most favorable report in reference to the bell had been received from L.W. Ramsey & Co. of St. Louis, offering a bell of 500 lbs., blanca tinned or chilled copper metal at 22 cents per pound and warranted for two years and attachments for hanging and striking \$110.00, and he had ordered from the said firm bell etc. to be shipped to Manitou."

After long service, the bell was retired and is on display in front of the Manitou Springs Volunteer Fire Department. The name of the manufacturer, as seen in the photo, is actually L.W. Rumsey & Co., with Rumsey also recognized as a Ramsay/Ramsey family name.



Submitted
Stephen Williams
Colorado State Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International

Membership Update

David Ramsey, Treasurer of Clan Ramsay International, has issued a friendly reminder to all members: please keep your contact information up to date with the clan organization.

David reports receiving a number of returned membership invoices, likely due to outdated addresses or email details. Updating your records helps ensure smooth delivery of invoices, newsletters, and other important clan communications.

Members can contact David F. Ramsey directly via his email to verify or update their information.

david@ramseyengineering.com

The clan appreciates your help in maintaining accurate records—keeping the Ramsay membership connected!



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HIGHLAND GAMES**
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• 2026 •
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Join Us at the Ramsay Tent

Huntersville, North Carolina
April 18th & 19th, 2026

“The Loch Norman Highland Games are one of the most beloved Highland Games in the Southeastern United States and within the United States Scottish and Celtic Community. The event has a prestigious reputation as host for world class dancers, athletes, and piping and drumming participants, held at Rural Hill and is family friendly.

Join us at the Clan Ramsay tent and then experience all the fun the event offers with Highland Dancing, Bagpipe Bands, Highland Athletics, a Giant Kid’s Zone, Scottish Merchants, Haggis, Celtic Rock and Traditional Performers, Historic Reenactments, Scottish Country Dancing, Sunday Church Service, Hearth Cooking, NC Beer and Wine, Whiskey Tastings, Kilted Running Events, Scottish Clan Societies, Shoot Long Bows and Blowguns, Battle Axe Throwing, and so much more!”

Submitted by
Mona Ramsey

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A Spy Amongst Us: Daniel Defoe's Secret Service and the Plot to End Scottish Independence

If you have even a modicum of interest in Scottish history and the centuries battles with England, you likely will enjoy this book by Marc Mierowsky.

You probably know Daniel Defoe as one of the great writers in the history of English literature: He wrote *Robinson Crusoe*, *Moll Flanders* and others. But what you may not know about Mr. Defoe is that he was also a British spy for the government trying to undermine Scottish independence tie Scotland England with the 1707 Act of Union.

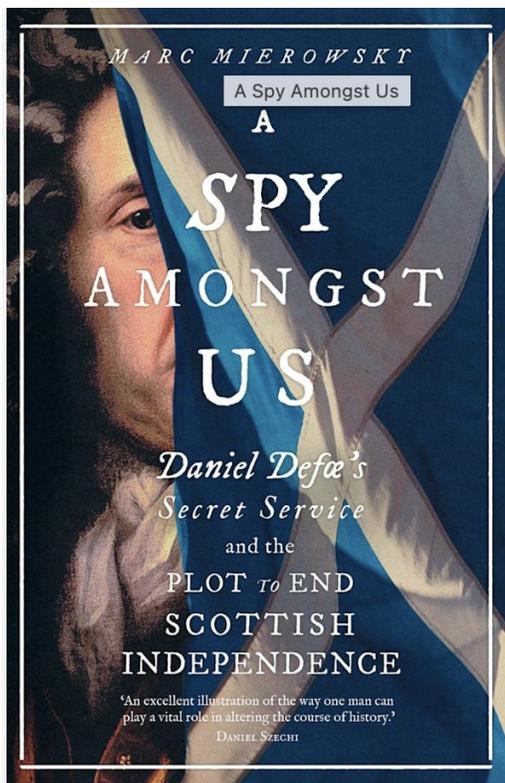
In 1706, Edinburgh was on the brink of a popular uprising. Men and women took to the streets to protest the planned union with England, fearing the end of Scottish sovereignty. But unbeknownst to the mob, thea spy was in their midst—Daniel Defoe, now bankrupt, had turned a government agent.

Marc Mierowsky tells the dramatic story of Defoe and his fellow spies as they sabotaged the Scottish independence movement from the inside. Together they disseminated propaganda and built a network of operatives from London to the upper Highlands, providing the English government with up-to-the-minute intelligence and monitoring its adversaries' every move.

"This is not only a highly readable account of Defoe's role as the hired gun of English imperialism during the Union crisis of 1706-07, it is also a good introduction to the dark arts

used to make the Union happen. An excellent and sobering illustration of the way one man's personal circumstances can play a vital role in altering the course of history— Daniel Szechi, author of 1715—*The Great Jacobite Rebellion*."

**Submitted by
Dick McGraw**



Maj. Robert Joseph "Bob" Ramsey (1934–2025) past president and North Carolina Commissioner of Clan Ramsay, was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on January 13, 2026, following his peaceful passing on October 29, 2025, at age 91. His gravesite is located in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Because this is a recent interment, the exact section and grave number are not yet listed in public online databases. Family and friends planning to visit should follow these steps to locate the precise plot: Go to the official ANC Explorer tool at: <https://ancexplorer.army.mil/publicwmy/index.html#/arlington-national/> Search by his full name: "Ramsey, Robert Joseph" or "Ramsey, Robert J."

The tool will display the section, grave number, an interactive map, and walking directions from the Welcome Center. Once processed, headstone photos will also appear.

The interment service was a moving tribute to his long and honorable Marine Corps service and to his life. "The service was beautiful, the weather chilly, and Bob was honored by fifty Marines including the Marine Corps Band. Very moving."

Visitors should enter through the Welcome Center and prepare for security screening, comfortable walking shoes, and current hours and guidelines at www.arlingtoncemetery.mil

This final resting place among fellow veterans ensures Maj. Ramsey's life and legacy of service continues to be honored.

Semper Fidelis, Maj. Ramsey

Submitted by
MaryAlice Ramsey

The Floo'ers
o' the Forest
are a' wede
Away"

.....Jean Elliot



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Clan Ramsay DNA Project Update

Family Tree DNA, our recommended testing company for matching up with other Ramsay/Ramsey genetic families, is having a promotional sale through then end of March. You must use these promo codes at checkout to receive these prices, but they are among the lowest in years.

<https://blog.familytreedna.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/RootsTech-2026-Promo-Codes-Virtual-Page-1.png>

TEST	STANDARD PRICE	EVENT PRICE ¹	PROMO CODE
Y-37	\$119	\$79	RT26Y37V
Y-111	\$249	\$199	RT26Y111V
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mtFull Sequence	\$159	\$119	RT26MTV
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Autosomal Unlock (upload is free)	\$19	\$0	ROOTSTECHUNLOCKV

With the above promo code, unlocking those results is free. If you do not know which test to submit, I'll be happy to offer guidance. <http://familytreedna.com>

If you are interested in helping others find ancestors through DNA, please consider donating to the Clan Ramsay DNA fund. Even small donations add up to help pay for the kits we are sending out each quarter. Some people would like to test but might not have the ability to pay for a test at this time, and our free kit giveaway might help someone who otherwise might not have the opportunity to use DNA to find ancestors. Let me know if you are able to help. My email is snsmike@prodigy.net.

Recent results from member DNA samples

Last newsletter I reported some interesting autosomal results from member samples. Robert Ramsay in Canada matched up with several members of different haplogroups. This usually indicates common ancestors through a maternal link.

It was the E haplogroup link that I found worth investigating, and his Y-DNA results proved he was closest to a Ramsay family in Central Texas. Former member Robert George Ramsay submitted a sample years ago, but we had not been able to link him to any others. I persuaded his cousin James Glenn Ramsay to test, and their relationship was proven through Y-DNA. Robert and James matched, and upon researching their family trees, it was found that they share a common ancestor, James Donald Ramsay, b. 1772 in Ayrshire, Scotland. Robert's line descends from first son John, and James (and Robert) descend from second son James.

It is always exciting to be able to prove paper records with DNA, and in this case, we have two families who previously did not know of the other's existence, now have known cousins. On top of this, we also know that these two families are a part of my own E haplo group of



about thirty families who are known to have a common ancestor in Ayrshire. Just this week, I received an inquiry from another potential member of this group, who appears to have similar names in his family tree. More on this possible link next quarter.

I received another inquiry from a student at Columbia University, Anthony Maule, who is studying his paternal line of Maule. As many of you know, our Clan Chief James Hubert Ramsay's own line merges with the Maules back in the early 1700s, when George Ramsay married Jean Maule. The Maule family built and maintained Brechin Castle from the 13th Century, and it remains the current seat of Clans Ramsay and Maule.

In addition to helping Anthony with his studies and research, it will be interesting to learn more about the historical connection between Clans Ramsay and Maule.

**Submitted by
Mike Ramsey
Vice President
Clan Ramsay International
Texas Commissioner**



2026 GAMES SCHEDULE

Colorado Tartan Day Festival

April 11th-12th, 2026

Boulder County Fairgrounds
Longmont, CO

www.coloradotartanday.com
Stephen Williams

32nd Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games

April 18th-19th, 2026

Rural Hill Center Scottish Heritage
Huntersville, NC

www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net
Mona Ramsey

Rio Grand Valley Celtic Festival

May 2nd-3rd, 2026

Balloon Vista Park
Albuquerque, NM

www.celtfestabq.com
Stephen Williams

St. Louis Scottish Games

May 16th 2026

Shroeder Park
359 Old Meramec Station Rd
Manchester MO

www.stlouis-scottishgames.com
Pam Ramsay McNeil

Grand Valley Celtic Festival

May 16th-19th, 2025

Mesa Fairgrounds/Grand Junction, CO
www.grandvalleyhighlandgames.com

Stephen Williams

2026 Smoky Mountains

Highland Games

May 16th-18th 2026

Townsend Visitor Center/Townsend, TN
www.smokymountaingames.org

David F. Ramsey

Cheyenne Celtic Festival

June 13th-14th, 2026

Lions Park/Dunbar Field
Cheyenne, WY

www.facebook.com/CelticFestival
Stephen Williams

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 2026

Aubigny-sur-Nère, France

www.aubigny.net/Les-Fetes-Franco-Ecossaises

Laurent Jauaux

70th Grandfather

Mountain 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

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