

Ramsay Report

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Colorado AGM Games & Gathering

The 63rd Annual Colorado Highland Games, held on the last weekend in September in Sedalia, Colorado, welcomed all Scots, kith and kin, to celebrate our shared heritage once again underneath the wide open Western skies.

The Colorado Branch of Clan Ramsay International were honored and overjoyed to host the 2026 CRI Annual General Meeting at these Games, and it was wonderful to have so many of our family join us from Maryland, North Carolina, Indiana, Kansas, Texas, and beyond. Our family connections were strengthened, our Clan was highly visible and well engaged with the many visitors, and we were honored with the first ever "Best Clan Tent" bestowed at these Games.

A more detailed article will follow in the December Edition of the Ramsay Report!

Submitted by
Stephen Williams
Deputy Colorado Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International



(Left to Right) Wayne Ramsey Premo, Amanda and Larry Ramsey, Kenny McNeill, Tim Hale, Pam Ramsey McNeill - CRI President, Drew Olvey, Rhonda Ramsey Shackleford, Dr. Lee Shackleford, Stephen and Michele Williams, Matthew Paul, Matthew, Megan, and Emma Ramsey, Mike and Sharon Ramsey, and Kaylee Ramsey.

Our 50th Year at Grandfather Mountain & The Gathering

Linville/Newland, North Carolina
July 9-12, 2026

The Ramsays were announced at the Torchlight Ceremony, by past President John Ramsay, on Thursday evening. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday we met at the tents to enjoy greeting members and newcomers. The welcome and sign-up tent was manned by Pam Ramsey McNeil, our president, and several of our members during the three days on the field. Saturday and Sunday brought continuous rain over our shoes at times, but it did not keep our members nor the public away.

We were so proud that Lochlain Ramsey participated, even in the rain, and won awards as he has done in previous years. Lochlain won first place overall in the youth heavy games with first place in stone throw and sheaf toss, but the caber toss event was cancelled due to the weather. Gage and Layron also competed, and all three returned to the Ramsay Tent dripping wet. The three young men are sons of Jeremy and Haley Ramsey. All athletics and competitions continued until close of the four-day event.

Jeremy Ramsey and his family brought the Throne of Swords again this year as an attraction to Clan Ramsay. Many young and old attendees stopped by to have a picture taken sitting on the throne at no cost. At Jeremy's blacksmith shop, Vikings Don't Cry, he teaches the skill of how to forge one's own weaponry. We are so blessed to have Jeremy's talented family with us.

On Saturday evening, Clan Ramsay gathered at David and Sue Ramsey's home for dinner and time together. Dr. Carl Bailey, our founder and Convenor Emeritus, and wife Dot attended as Guest of Honor. Their daughter, Dorothy, a member since childhood, was able to join us. Dot hosted the Clan for many years on Saturday evenings and continues to bake wonderful pies and treats. We were able to gather enough old photos of past years to produce a continuous slide show during our dinner. Pam McNeil, President, surprised all of us with 50th Anniversary Clan Ramsay Challenge Coins, the first of which was presented to Carl Bailey.

We did have a congratulation from our Clan Chief, Lord Dalhousie.

"Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of Clan Ramsay International, Inc. I would like to thank all those who have contributed to its success.

In particular Carl Bailey who instigated its foundation with the approval of my father. He and his wife Dot have been central to success and I send them together with all members of Clan my very best wishes".

Jamie, The Earl of Dalhousie GCVO

Thanks to each of you for being here. It was such a pleasure to see so many of you. In preparation for this event, many of you came in early to help set up. We send a heartfelt thank you to Mona for sending out the invitation, Ronda Shackelford for the decorations, flowers, and help to serve, and to John and Sue Ramsay for their help in organizing the set-up to accommodate us and serve the food to everyone. We gratefully ap-

preciate each of you. After long hours on the mountain, it's a good time to relax and have quality time together.

We plan to continue hosting The Gathering at our home in Newland on Saturday evening each year of the GMHG event. Notice will post in the Ramsey Report with the 2027 date and time.

**Submitted by
David and Sue Ramsey**



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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France.Canada.England.NewZealand.Australia.Scotland.
Netherlands.Belgium.Luxemburg.Sweden.Norway.USA

September, 2026

Greetings Members of Clan Ramsay International,

While I have had the opportunity to attend and represent our organization at several highland games this summer, it's been a pleasure to spend time and share memories with many of you as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Clan Ramsay International.

I wish to express my gratitude and respect for the enthusiasm, hard work and tenacity that our Convenor, Dr. Carl Bailey provided in establishing Clan Ramsay International.

I also want to share my gratitude for all of the hard work shown by our officers and regional commissioners both past and present. The time and energy that is spent setting up and representing our organization at highland games, sharing the stories of our families and our passion for our heritage is greatly appreciated. Sharing our family stories and engaging others brings a sense of belonging that many are looking for. Those are some of the many reasons why someone is interested in joining our extended family. It is that fellowship among those who share our heritage and interest in finding connections. Thank each of you for helping to preserve our clan's cultural heritage.

The weekend of October 16-18, I will attend the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Stone Mountain Georgia. I look forward to meeting and spending time with many of you there.

Ora et Labora
Pam Ramsey McNeil
President
Clan Ramsay
International
Indiana
Commissioner



A Texan Visits Colorado



September 26th & 27th, 2026
Sedalia, Colorado

Clan Ramsay Colorado hosted the Clan's Annual General Meeting at the Colorado Highland Games, held at the Denver Polo Club just south of Denver. The Games are among Colorado's best-attended Scottish festivals, attracting a large number of clans, pipe bands, and Heavy Games athletes.

The weather this year was outstanding, with clear skies and warm temperatures both days. The Denver Polo Club's beautifully groomed grounds were exceptionally lush and green—so much so that some attendees took advantage of the opportunity to walk barefoot on the thick grass.

Clan Ramsay Colorado sponsored the Highland Games competition as well as the Women's Challenge Caber Toss. In this popular event, the women threw the men's caber for fun after their regular competition had concluded. The Clan's sponsorship was prominently represented by a Clan Ramsay logo affixed to the caber used in the competition.

The festival's "Best Clan Tent" trophy was awarded to Clan Ramsay Colorado, adding another award to the Clan's growing collection. The honor was well deserved. The extensive Scottish and Ramsay-related decorations, displays, and informational materials attracted visitors throughout the weekend. A memorial service was also held in honor of Major Bob Ramsey, who was an important part of Clan Ramsay for many years. Following moving tributes by Dick McGraw and Stephen Williams, a pipe band played in his memory for the Clan.

Overall, the Colorado Highland Games provided two wonderful days of Scottish tradition, music, competition, and fellowship. Clan Ramsay Colorado was proud to be part of this outstanding event and to share the weekend with so many Clan members and friends.

Submitted by
Mike Ramsey
Vice President
Clan Ramsay International
Texas Commissioner



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NEWSLETTER OF CLAN RAMSAY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Grandfather Mountain 2026

Linville, North Carolina
July 9-12, 2026

We celebrated Clan Ramsay International's 50th anniversary at the game where it all began, the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games 1976. Our weekend began at dusk on a perfect summer evening. The Torchlight Ceremony and Calling of the Clans is always a special event. John Ramsey did a wonderful job announcing our arrival, our heritage, willingness to answer the call, and our 50th anniversary celebration.

Clan Ramsay was well represented for the duration of the games at our two tents that were well decorated with banners, flags, and information about our organization. Jeremy and Haley Ramsey along with their family did a great job throughout the weekend of attracting visitors to the second Clan Ramsay tent to take pictures with their Viking Throne. If you haven't been I hope that you get to see it and have your picture taken on the throne with all its decoration including their hand forged swords and weapons.

The weekend provided an opportunity to share fellowship with Clan Ramsay members and experience the wide range of summer highland games weather. The hours of sun and warm temperatures, were mixed with episodes of pouring rain. We struggled to keep those under the tent dry as we utilized various methods of draining the rain water from the corners of the tent. At times, we all were exposed to the flood of water as it was emptied and we shared many laughs through the struggle.

Friday, there was good attendance and stirring conversation with those who stopped by to share stories about their family heritage. We answered questions and traded photo opportunities in between the rain drops. And we always make time for shopping at the vendor tents, experiencing the events at the Scottish Cultural Village, enjoying the food concessions, the many pipe bands, all the competitions, and the music from the entertainers in the groves.

Saturday, again we started out with seasonal temperatures and blue skies. Unfortunately that was overtaken by dark clouds and more rain and puddles in the afternoon. We enjoyed visiting with each other and those who braved the rain to come by to visit. Between the showers, many went on to enjoy all the flavors of the games. We were blessed with entertainment presented by those who competed on the Piping Competition stage that was located outside our tent on the games field. They continued to play despite the challenges the weather presented.

Sunday started with the Kirking of the Tartans and the worship service. I proudly represented Clan Ram-

say International by carrying our tartan flag in this ceremony. Heavy rains during the service limited the number of those in attendance but it was still a moving and special part of the weekend for me and many others. The Parade of Tartans that included the massed bands and Clan Ramsay was again well represented. I was privileged to be our flag bearer for the Parade of Tartans. The weather was in our favor as the showers held off for the entirety of the parade. The remainder of the day, we again gathered in the tent to greet visitors and to watch the athletic competitions, pipe bands, dancers and sheep dog herding demonstrations as they participated in the rain that at times made it difficult to see across the field.

We all gathered to support and cheer on those who participated and our members who represented Clan Ramsay in the kilned running events and the athletic competitions.

Despite the weather and the challenges we faced throughout the weekend, it was a good weekend spent with our members. It remains a friendly place for those who stopped by our tent to sit and visit. Clan Ramsay is a resilient and resourceful group and we did a fine job of representing our strong Scottish roots. Thank you to all who helped make this game a success.

Pam Ramsey McNeil
President
Clan Ramsay
International
Indiana Commissioner



Sunday Parade of Tartans



Special Visitors

Columbus Scottish Festival



Candy Farmer & Mona Ramsey



Lochlyn & Flora



Thursday Night Torchlight Ceremony

Bartholomew Country Fairgrounds
September 12&13 2026
Columbus, Indiana

The 33rd annual Columbus Scottish Festival was a great weekend spent talking with those who stopped by to visit and learn about their Scottish heritage. The weather was a bit warm with blue skies all weekend. The attendance seemed to be a bit less than normal.

There were eight clan associations and two Scottish societies in attendance. Clan Ramsay had a prime spot on clan row at the entrance to the fairgrounds across from the entertainment pavilion.

Throughout the weekend there were traditional highland athletic competitions, music from several pipe bands that paraded the fairgrounds, highland dance competitions, a European car show, rugby demonstrations, sheepdog herding demonstrations, and Clydesdale horses to meet, an area for kid's games, food and merchandise vendors. The musical line up included Highland Reign, Keltricity and Kennedy's Kitchen.

There were many visitors who stopped by the tent to spend time with me and share stories of their heritage.

Sunday morning started with the parade of clans led by a pipe band and the kirking of the tartans and worship service. The slower pace of the day allowed for the opportunity to take time to visit the food and merchandise vendors, the musical guests and some attended the whiskey tasting in the afternoon.

Although I didn't get to see many Ramsays, I met many people over the weekend that were curious about our association and its heritage. As part of the festival queen pageant, each candidate has to present information about a Scottish clan. One of the festival queen's court chose Clan Ramsay as the clan for her presentation. She was excited to talk to me and share the information that she learned about Clan Ramsay. As always, I am honored to be a Ramsay and to share stories about Scotland and Clan Ramsay International.

Ora et Labora
Pam Ramsey McNeil
President
Clan Ramsay International
Indiana Commissioner

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NEWSLETTER OF CLAN RAMSAY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

D-DAY IN NORMANDY - 82ND ANNIVERSARY

"The eyes of the world are upon you."

It was with these words that General Dwight D. Eisenhower addressed the soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force on 6 June 1944. They also echoed the spirit of Winston Churchill's defiant pledge, made in June 1940, that the Allies would one day return to continental Europe. Between those two moments lay four years of war and a striking reversal of fortune. In 1940, Operation Dynamo, directed by Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, assembled an extraordinary flotilla that evacuated more than 338,000 Allied troops from Dunkirk. In 1944, Operation Overlord transformed retreat into liberation: around 156,000 Allied troops landed in Normandy by sea and air on D-Day. Within three months, more than two million Allied servicemen were on French soil, advancing towards the liberation of north-western Europe.

To commemorate the 82nd anniversary of the Normandy landings, our clan wished to honour one of its most distinguished members, Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay.

At the same time, Laurent Josse, a volunteer dedicated to preserving the memory of the fallen, and several friends asked me to help organise and take part in a number of local commemorative ceremonies.

RANVILLE - 4 JUNE

On 4 June at 10.30 a.m., we had the privilege of organising the ceremony at Ranville War Cemetery and paying tribute to Belgian war volunteer Private Édouard Gérard (17 February 1924-16 August 1944), alongside French, Belgian and British veterans' associations and Piper's Phil. In a bilingual address delivered in French and English, we recalled the fighting in the region and honoured Private Gérard's memory.

Édouard Gérard served in the Piron Brigade during the Battle of Normandy. The brigade comprised approximately 2,200 Belgian and Luxembourgish troops and operated under British command. On 16 August 1944, aged 20, Gérard became the first member of the brigade to be killed during the liberation campaign when his forward position at Sallenelles came under German mortar fire.

We reminded those present of Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay's decisive contribution to Operation Neptune, the naval component of Operation Overlord, for which he coordinated a vast multinational fleet in the face of experienced German forces.

As Naval Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Naval Expeditionary Force for Operation Overlord, Ramsay directed the maritime assault with exceptional skill. Under his command, nearly 7,000 vessels - the largest invasion fleet ever assembled - were brought together and deployed with extraordinary precision. On 6 June 1944, the naval forces landed more than 132,000 ground troops on the beaches; together with the airborne troops, the Allied total in Normandy that day was approximately 156,000. Ramsay also

oversaw the clearance of sea lanes through German minefields and coordinated naval gunfire in support of the troops ashore. We also received a special request from the family of Scottish soldier Corporal Samuel Charles McKenna. As they had never been able to visit his grave themselves, they asked us to do so on their behalf. Our friend Christian D'Heygere, a historian and independent researcher, initiated the tribute and served as the family's point of contact.

We therefore placed a portrait of our fallen comrade-in-arms on his grave. Behind every name is a face: the face of a hero whose sacrifice deserves to be remembered and honoured.

Corporal Samuel Charles McKenna, of the 12th (Yorkshire) Parachute Battalion, was killed in action on 9 June 1944, aged 29. His battalion was defending the airborne bridgehead east of the River Orne during intense fighting around Longueval and Sainte-Honorine-la-Chardonnette. The wider objective was to prevent German armoured counter-attacks from reaching the strategically vital bridges over the Caen Canal and the River Orne, including Pegasus Bridge.

From its elevated position, Sainte-Honorine-la-Chardonnette overlooked the British positions around Longueval. German forces, including elements of the 21st Panzer Division, used the high ground to subject the British airborne troops to sustained artillery, mortar and sniper fire.

PEGASUS BRIDGE PARADE - 5 JUNE

On 5 June at around 10.30 a.m., we assembled with members of the B.O.W.U. in front of the Bénouville War Memorial. Standing close to the town hall and the strategic road to Pegasus Bridge, the monument was caught at the heart of the fighting between the British 6th Airborne Division and German forces. It remains a silent witness to the violence of those battles, its broken obelisk still scarred by bullet strikes.

The parade organiser placed us at the head of the procession, immediately in front of the pipers, as representatives of Clan Ramsay and in tribute to Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay. We then marched along the 4th Commando Route to the Signal Monument, where the commemoration was held.

Led by Captain Adrien de Mathan, the company of French naval fusiliers from Lorient preceded us as we marched to the sound of the bagpipes along Avenue du Commandant Kieffer towards Pegasus Bridge and the Liberation Memorial.



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Photos from the events

At the memorial, pupils from the Bénouville school sang the national anthems, while the BOWU performed traditional Scottish airs. Military honours were rendered by the Marine Commandos and by the Mayor of Bénouville, Mr Paul Martin.

At dawn on 6 June 1944, the French commandos led by Lieutenant Commander Philippe Kieffer landed on Sword Beach. They fought through Ouistreham Riva-Bella, attacked the fortified Casino stronghold and later linked up at Bénouville with the British airborne troops holding Pegasus Bridge.

Later that day, the 1st Special Service Brigade, commanded by Brigadier Lord Lovat (Simon Fraser), reached the Pegasus Bridge sector and reinforced the British 6th Airborne Division. Lord Lovat's personal piper, Bill Millin, became a legendary figure: wearing his kilt, he played his bagpipes under fire as the commandos advanced from Sword Beach towards the bridges, including the traditional air "Blue Bonnets o'er the Border".

POPPY TRIBUTE

The ceremony concluded with each participant casting a poppy from Pegasus Bridge into the Caen Canal, in memory of the young men whose lives were cut short in the service of our freedom.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We will always remember the depth of emotion shared with the BOWU pipers, their chairman, Mr Rémy Lambert, and the many veterans who attended. We extend our sincere thanks to the veterans' associations, including representatives of the Piron Brigade, and to the British and French participants. We also thank our friends Laurent Josse, Piper's Phil, Éric Ledoux Ramsay, Christian D'Heygere, Jean Roussel, René Lugand and Luc Monod.

These precious memories will remain with us. Until next year.



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

BOOK REVIEW:

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Murder at the Scottish Games

As a Member of Clan Ramsey for over 20 years I have to admit that I have never been to our Annual Meeting. I will cure that defect when I attend (as the Maryland Commissioner) this October in Sedalia, CO. The fact that my middle daughter, Katherine, lives only 25 miles away helped with the decision-making process!

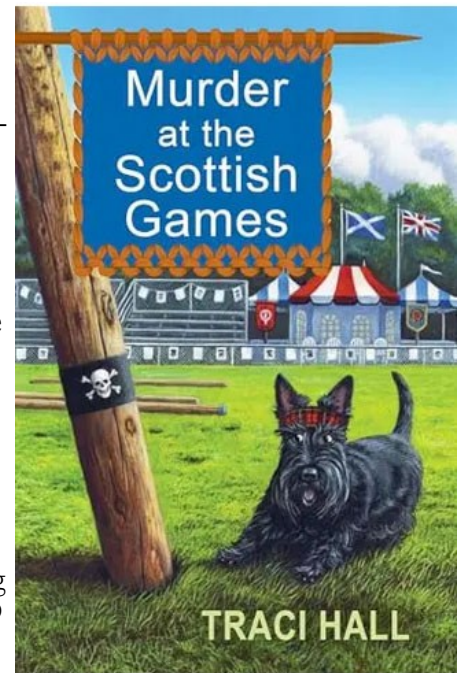
I bought this book to help me "prepare" for attendance at the Games. What I did not expect was to read a mention of Ramsey Castle on the first page in the second paragraph! Ramsey Castle is also mentioned on pages 14, 97, 182 and 199. It was a fun read with an enjoyable plot. I must also admit that it took me several pages to get used to the Scottish/English words used liberally throughout the work! This book is a great "who done it" but the reader will have to wait until page 67 to see who was the victim was, and page 279 to find out who the murderer is!

I had sent an email to Ms. Hall to determine if she had a specific reason for mentioning OUR Castle and to see if she had a Ramsey connection. In her email reply she did not indicate any Ramsey connection but did state "My son is an ancestry hobbyist, and he discovered that my 17th great grandfather is the 5th Baron Greystoke, which was kind of fun. My grandma used to say we were descended from royalty and she sure loved learning that" (personal communication email dated 31 August 2026).

The author has a nice website at TraciHall.com. Other books in this series include: Murder in a Scottish Shire, Murder in a Scottish Garden, Murder at a Scottish Social, Murder at a Scottish Wedding Murder at a Scottish Castle, and Murder at a Scottish Christmas. I wonder if Ramsey castle is mentioned in these other books?!

Hopefully our Annual Meeting will not include this type of drama!

Dr. William Hadyn Roberts, Jr.
Maryland Clan Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International
Captain, MSC, USN (Ret.)





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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
January 1, 2025 -December 31, 2025

BEGINNING BALANCE 01-01-25 CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$3,444.96
TRANSFER FROM SOUTHSTATE ACCOUNT TO BANK OF TENNESSE	\$2,345.58
TOTAL IN ACCOUNT 01-01-25	\$5,790.54

RECEIPTS

USA MEMBERS DUES One Year Dues (83)	\$3,762.56
USA MEMBERS DUES Two Year Dues (1)	\$1,565.62
EU NEW MEMBERS (6)	\$228.66
EU MEMBERS FEES 10% OF RECEIPTS	\$201.76
DNA RESESRCH PAYMENTS	\$40.00
DONATIONS	\$60.00
POCKET BOOK SALES	\$35.00
TEE SHIRTS SALES FROM JEREMY RAMSEY SET UP	\$160.00
TOTAL	\$6,053.60

DISBURSEMENTS

NEWS LETTER AND INVOICE PRINTING	\$460.77
NEWS LETTER POSTAGE	\$187.75
NEWS LETTER EDITOR	\$1,000.00
FOOD FOR ANNUAL MEETING	\$311.76
GRANDFATHER HIGHLAND GAMES	\$794.00
GRANDFATHER HIGHLAND STORM DONATION	\$500.00
CHARLESTON HIGLAND GAMES	\$650.00
MIDDLE TN HIGHLAND GAMES	\$140.00
SHERMAN TEXAS GAMES	\$25.00
STONE MOUNTAIN GAMES	\$389.00
INTERNET SERVICES	\$130.00
DNA KITS (MIKE RAMSEY)	\$340.80
ANNUAL REPORT TO STATE OF FLORIDA	\$122.50
TOTAL	\$5,051.58

OPERATING SURPLUS	\$1,002.02
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BALANCE OF CHECK ACCOUNT 12-31-25	\$6,792.56
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SCHWAB ACCOUNT CASH INVESTMENT 12-31-25	\$17,821.19
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NET WORTH	\$24,613.75
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

DAVID F RAMSEY TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

KATHY SEELEY ASSISTANT TREASURER



The Ramsay's stone cottage was a landmark in the Tarbolton District of Manitoba for many years. Prior to its construction, the family of John and Agnes and their seven children lived in a house built of logs harvested from the homestead property. That structure was the second house, the first having burned just before Agnes (Graham) arrived from Glasgow with six of the children in 1881. The family was forced that first winter to live in the barn.

In 1895 the family decided to build a stone cottage. The stones were hauled a quarter mile up the hill from the Oak River which ran through the pasture land they had purchased from the Canadian Pacific Railway. Cement for the mortar was obtained by baking limestone rocks taken from the riverbed. Their youngest son William, born in Canada, remembered spending nights tending the fire. That must have been frightening for a young boy as even today the wooded river valley is home to coyotes and bears.

Family lore is that John hired a contractor to build the cottage, but had a disagreement with him and finished the job himself. The lower walls were three feet thick, providing wide windowsills. Even on the warmest summer days, the main floor rooms remained refreshingly cool inside those thick walls.

A joiner by trade, John used his skill to decorate the interior with an entranceway featuring a door with stained glass panes, its wood panels painted in cheery yellow and white. The staircase was jewel-like with its rounded newel posts, painted balusters, and decorated panels marching up the stringer.

Doors opening off the living room, window casings, and paneling beneath the staircase were also painted in yellow and white, giving the room a sunny ambience even on cloudy days. Heat was supplied by a wood-burning cookstove in the kitchen along with smaller stoves in the living room and front parlor. The five bedrooms on the second floor had their own small stoves for heat.

An early photograph shows the front of the cottage with its two dormer windows, similar to many homes in Scotland. Years later, a new entranceway was added, providing a cozy sunporch on the second floor. During thunderstorms my father would take us boys up there to enjoy the lightning show. A cellar for storing preserves was provided beneath the kitchen area, access via a trap door in the floor. In 1949 when my parents moved into the cottage, the kitchen floor was replaced and a stairway to the basement was notched into one end of the room. A wood-burning furnace was installed in the basement with hot air registers in the living room and front parlor.

My grandmother moved into the cottage circa 1958. Improvements included electric baseboard heating and rudimentary plumbing. Still, Grandma stoked the kitchen's Zephyr cookstove with wood every morning, providing herself with real heat.

Over the years cracks appeared in the stonework. Manitoba's winters are long and cold, with frost penetrating deep into the ground. Autumn rains would leave the earth beneath the walls waterlogged and below-zero temperatures would cause the moisture to freeze and expand. Over the years this up and down movement caused the stone walls to crack, particularly at the corners.

John
&
Agnes
Graham
Ramsey
arrived
from
Glasgow
in 1881



As the years passed, a large gap opened in the southeast corner. Dad patched it with concrete to prevent water from entering and causing more damage and other efforts were made to stabilize it. Eventually this corner collapsed.

The cottage was last lived in by my brother John and his family in the summer of 1981. Left unoccupied after that, it continued to deteriorate and by 2012 it became clear that the Ramsay's stone cottage had passed its Best Before Date. In July, 117 years after its construction, it was razed except for the northwest corner. Those stones were left intact as a memorial to our Scottish ancestors who fulfilled their dream of creating a wee corner of Ayrshire in Canada.

(Thanks to family members Bernice, Esther, and Judy Ramsay for preserving family history.)

by
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Following up on some previous examples of individuals who have found matches through their DNA;

Anthony Maule has been researching his Maule connections to the Dalhousie Ramsay line, and submitted his Y-DNA sample to look for that connection. Through the first 37 markers tested, while he is in the correct broad haplogroup of R-M269, like many others who would like to find a match with Clan Chief James Hubert Ramsay, he does not match up closely. Maybe a future Big Y test will help him find a more distant connection.

One recent test result that yielded interesting information was Hayden Ramsay of Washington State in the US, whose family tree indicated a relationship with several Ramsay families in Australia. Their family trees seemed to match up, but the exact connection was not known. When Hayden's DNA test results came in, it was confirmed that he is almost an exact match with Douglas Ramsay in Australia, with only one genetic distance, and that being in a "volatile" marker, which mutates easily and randomly.

Hayden and Douglas share the common ancestor of John Ramsay b. 1723. Hayden descends from son Andrew and Douglas descends from son Robert. Andrew's grandson Thomas left Scotland for Washington State, and Robert's grandson to Australia. They now tie several families together to a common ancestor in Scotland around 1609. This connection also helps about thirty other genetically related families, including my own, to this same ancestor. With two new testers having submitted their samples recently, we are hoping to find more connections among these thirty families.

One thing that can be very helpful with matching up your DNA results to potential family members, is joining projects at Family Tree DNA. Joining projects is free, and being grouped with like test results helps focus your search for matches.

A project that was once the starting point for most Ramsay/Ramsey DNA test takers, was the Ramsay, Ramsey, Rums project. Some of you might still be members of this project, but it has been inactive for quite some time, and has ceased to yield useful information for most Clan Ramsay members. Project administrators have access to members' contact information, as well as their matches, and DNA results. For this reason we recommend only participating in projects that are actively managed by the projects' administrators.

In addition to haplogroup and/or geographic specific projects, it is recommended that Clan Ramsay members join the Scot Clans project, if you are not already a member. This project has helped my E haplogroup members, and needs more of the other haplogroups, such as I, J, R, etc., to help others find matches. Here is where to find that project; <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/Scotclans?iframe=ydna-results-overview>.

There are many projects to join, so if you have questions as to which might benefit you most, feel free to ask and I'll try to help.

Meanwhile, I strongly encourage to leave the Ramsay, Ramsey, Rums project if you are currently a member. I chose to remove all the kits I manage from that project, and quite a few others have done so to protect their private data from

Update Clan Ramsay DNA



being added to an external database that is managed by three of the project's administrators. The steps to leave a project are:

- 1.) Log on to your account, and go to Group Projects, Manage Group Projects.
- 2.) Scroll down to the projects in which you are a member, and click on the trash can icon to the right of the Ramsay, Ramsey, Rums project.
- 3.) Type in your own reason for leaving the project; I suggest requesting your private data to be removed from the external database, which will require the admins to do so within 30 days.
- 4.) Click "Leave Project".

Some of our members have reported being contacted by project administrators after they have left the project. This is against FTDNA Group Administrator policy, so if you receive such an email, please forward it to me, as I am compiling examples of this breach of policy to present to Family Tree DNA.

If any of you need help joining or leaving a project, or with any other DNA related question, please let me know and I will be happy to assist.

If you have any stories about how DNA has helped you find family connections, please share it with me and I'll include it in a future newsletter article.



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**Submitted by
Mike Ramsey
Vice President
Clan Ramsay
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2026 GAMES



Stone Mountain Highland Games

October 16th-18th, 2026

Stone Mountain Park
Stone Mountain, GA

www.smhg.org
David F. Ramsey

Salado Scottish Games

November 13-15th, 2026
423 S Main Street
Salado, Texas
Mike Ramsey

Early 2027 Events

49th Central Florida Scottish Highland Games

January 16th & 17th 2027

Central Winds Park
Winter Springs, FL
www.flascot.com
David F. Ramsey

Sherman Celtic Festival

March 2027

Pecan Grove Park-West
Sherman, Texas
www.shermancelticfest.com
Mike Ramsey

Fargo-Moorhead Celtic Festival

March 2027

Hjemkomst Center
Moorhead, Minnesota
www.cityofmoorhead.com
Lois Becker



Liam Michael Farmer
Born 2 months early
July 16, 2026

Clan Members
Jamie & Candy Farmer
Proud Grandparents

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