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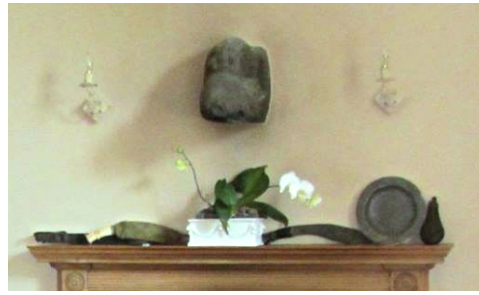
Culloden House and Battlefield

Now a premiere hotel and restaurant, the stately Culloden House stands on the site of a 16th century castle and has been the focus of blood and destruction which nearly obliterated the highland way of life. The Culloden estate was recorded in a charter around 1232. Alexander Stewart, the “Wolf of Badenoch” and younger son of Scottish King Robert II, acquired the estate by the end of the 14th century. Before the 1746 Battle of Culloden, Culloden House was commandeered by Jacobite forces under the “Bonnie Prince Charlie,” Charles Edward Stuart, grandson of James II and VII. At the time, the estate was owned by Duncan Forbes, 5th Lord Culloden and the most senior representative of regents William and Mary in Scotland. He raised troops to suppress the Jacobites. Unfortunately, he was not reimbursed by the British government for the troops or for Culloden House being partially destroyed by fire. [Learn more here.](#)



2020 Forbes Ancestral Tour Survey

The results are in from the survey on the Clan Forbes Society 2020 Ancestral Tour! As of March 19, we’ve received responses from 33 people who have provided us guidance on creating the best ancestral tour in Scotland. The survey included questions on everything from length and hotels to actual ancestral sites and activities. Respondents could provide multiple answers to each question – and here are the results. Not surprisingly, Castle Forbes is the number one choice (97%) to visit! Other top Forbes ancestral sites include Craigievar Castle (73%), Culloden House and Battlefield (70%), Druminnor Castle (67%), Lonach Highland Games in August (55%), Pitsligo Castle & Kirk (48%) and Tolquhon Castle (45%). [See the rest of the results here.](#)



Origins of the House of Forbes

The House of Forbes originated in the district of Mar in Aberdeenshire, in the north-east of Scotland. In ancient times, this was Pictavia, the land of the Picts. In the 6th and 7th centuries, the Gaelic overkingdom of Dál Riata (also called Dalriada) in northeastern Ireland invaded Pictavia. The Romans called these raiders “Scoti.” The legend is that around 775 A.D., the Dalriadic warrior O’Conchar Forbhasach II killed a bear near where Castle Forbes stands today. For this valiant achievement, he won the “duchus” (the Gaelic word for domain by right) for a substantial estate in Aberdeenshire. A stone roughly carved into the shape of a bear’s head was discovered near the site and is now embedded above the main fireplace at the current Castle Forbes. This is the reason for the three muzzled bear heads on the coat of arms for Lord Forbes. [See more here.](#)

Calendar of Events



Join Clan Forbes Society Today!

Join new Active Member Edward Benjamin Edelen, Jr., of Maryland, USA! You will learn about the history and heritage of the House of Forbes; trace your genealogy with your cousins around the world; connect with other members in the Clan Forbes Community; share your family stories online; and join with members in events, tours and gatherings. Society Clan Forbes Society, Inc., offers three types of membership:

- [Affiliate Membership](#) (Free)
- [Active Membership](#) (\$25)
- [House of Forbes Membership](#) (\$100)



Calendar of Events

Please let us know of upcoming events or if you are a Clan Forbes Tent Convener. E-mail: News@Clan-Forbes.org. Thanks!

April 12 to 14, 2019

[Loch Norman Highland Games](#)., North Carolina. Clan Forbes Convener: None

Apr 27, 2019

[Southern Maryland Celtic Festival & Highland Gathering](#)., Maryland. Clan Forbes Convener: [Bart Forbes](#)

April 27 & 28, 2019

[Woodland Celtic Games & Festival](#), California. Clan Forbes Convener: [Valerie Edwards](#)

May 4 to 5, 2019

[Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival](#), New Mexico. Clan Forbes Convener: None

May 4, 2019

[Savannah \(Georgia\) Scottish Games](#), Georgia. Clan Forbes Convener: None

May 10 to 12, 2019

[Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games](#), Texas. Clan Forbes Convener: [Rick Forbes](#)

May 18, 2019

[Fair Hill \(Delaware\) Scottish Games](#), Delaware. Clan Forbes Convener: None

May 18 to 19, 2019

[Smoky Mountain Highland Games](#), Tennessee. Clan Forbes Convener: None

June 1, 2019

[Maine Scottish Festival at Old Orchard Beach](#), Maine. Clan Forbes Convener: [Leslie Furbish Ingram](#)

June 1, 2019

[Garrett County Celtic Festival](#), Maryland. Clan Forbes Convener: None.

June 1, 2019 (?)

[Milwaukee Highland Games](#), Wisconsin. Clan Forbes Convener: None.

June 1 & 2, 2019 (?)

[Allegany County Celtic Festival](#), New York. Clan Forbes Convener: None.

June 14 & 15, 2019

[Chicago Scottish Festival & Highland Games](#), Illinois. Clan Forbes Convener: None.

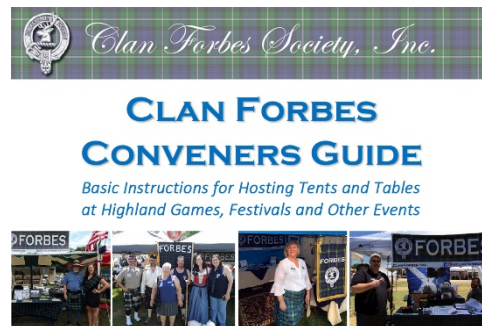
June 15, 2019

[Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival](#), Maryland. Clan Forbes Convener: None.

June 29, 2019

[Alaska Scottish Highland Games , Alaska](#). Clan Forbes Convener: None

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