



Clan Forbes Society Newsletter May 2019



Forbes, Whisky & Robert Burns

As a result of Jacobite damages to his estates in 1689, Duncan Forbes, 3rd Lord Culloden, received an exemption from whisky duties. This made his Ferintosh whisky operation the first legal distillery in Scotland. His grandson John Forbes, 6th Lord of Culloden, expanded the whisky operations to the point that two-thirds of all whisky in Scotland was from Forbes Ferintosh! Disgruntled competitors successfully lobbied the government to cease the exemption and without that competitive advantage, Forbes closed the Ferintosh distillery in 1785. In the poem "Scotch Drink," Robert Burns lamented "Thee, Ferintosh! O sadly lost! Scotland lament frae coast to coast! Now colic grips, an' barkin hoast / May kill us a'; / For loyal Forbes' charter'd boast / Is ta'en awa?" [Learn more here.](#)



Callendar House

Callendar House is a stately home purchased at government auction by William "Copperbottom" Forbes (1756–1823). Forbes was a cadet of the first Newe family and made an enormous fortune from the contract to sheathe the hulls of the Royal Navy's battleships with copper, hence his nickname. Forbes made significant alterations to the house and developed magnificent gardens. Later in the 19th century, the house was redesigned and extended in the style of a French Renaissance château fused with elements of Scottish baronial architecture. In 1873, the Forbeses of Callendar were the richest branch of the Forbes family, owning 57,000 acres and a rental income of £25,000. While the town of Falkirk bought the house and its park in 1963, the family still owns most of the estate. [Learn more here.](#)



Join Clan Forbes Society Today!

Join new Active Member **James R. Forbes of Quebec, Canada**, and **Lisa Lynn Forbes of Buffalo, New York, USA!** Your financial support of \$25 will help the Society research the history and heritage of the House of Forbes; develop resources for tracing your genealogy with your cousins around the world; connect with other members in the Clan Forbes Community; and encourage more members to join us in events, tours and gatherings. See: [Active Membership](#)

If you know your genealogy, you can join new House of Forbes Member **Nancy A. Forbes of Fairfax, Virginia, USA!**

Society Clan Forbes Society, Inc., offers three types of membership:

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



Alexander Forbes, 4th Lord Pitsligo: Jacobite who went on the run for 16 years

Alexander Forbes, 4th Lord Pitsligo, was a member of the Scottish Parliament and a staunch opponent of the union who retired from his seat after 1707. He was a lifelong Jacobite supporter and fought in the 1715 at Sherrifmuir. Forbes was 67 when he fought at the Battle of Culloden - and spent the rest of his long life on the run. [Learn more here.](#)



Registration Now Open: 2020 Clan Forbes Tour

The Clan Forbes Society is pleased to announce that the 2020 Clan Forbes Tour has been confirmed and registration is now open! Developed with Jamie, Lord Sempill, of Clan Chief Tours and Thistle Dubh Enterprises, this six-day tour includes visits to Castle Forbes, Druminnor Castle, Tolquhon Castle Pitsligo Castle, Culloden House and more. Of the 20 maximum reservations, we have already received six confirmations. The deadline for the first deposit of \$500 is due by September 10 – but the trip may be closed by then! [Learn more here.](#)

Calendar of Events

Clan Forbes was well represented at recent Highland games and gatherings on both American coasts! Convener Valerie Walters Edwards hosted the Society tent at the Woodland Celtic Games & Festival in California.



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

May 18, 2019, [Northern Nevada Celtic Celebration](#), Nevada. *Clan Forbes Convener:* Dwayne Edwards.

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 (?): [Allegheny 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

July 11-14, 2019: [Grandfather Mountain Highland Games](#), North Carolina. *Clan Forbes Convener:* [Ron Pearson](#) and [Bart Forbes](#)

July 13, 2019: [Dundee Scottish Festival](#), Central New York State. *Clan Forbes Convener:* None.

July 20 & 21, 2019: [Arizona Highland Celtic Festival](#), Flagstaff, Arizona. *Clan Forbes Convener:* None.

Want to be a Clan Convener at your local Scottish Festival and Highland Games? Download the [Clan Forbes Convener's Guide](#), make your tent reservation, and we'll send you a Convener's Kit with banners and educational materials!

