

EVENTS

Paintings yield clues to Spanish ancestry

Ah-ha. Another possible clue to Ga's Scottish ancestry, from yet another painting.

When I began my search for the Scottish ancestors of my great-great-grandmother, Mary Alice (Cummings) Bennett Lord, the painter from Greenville, who lived 1859-1954, the year was about 1977.

Clue 1 was the painting of the storm-tossed seas by Tantalion Castle, the subject of one of my dad's paintings by Ga. We know it's Tantalion because she wrote it on the back of the canvas.

The family story, handed down by my grandmother Ione (Bennett) Moore, was that the Scottish heritage came from Ga's mother, Sarah Abigail (Hildreth) Cummings. But the Hildreths seem to be English. Further, we don't know the name of Ga's great-grandmother, the mother of Henry True Hildreth.

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had — was an unidentified scene of trees and a stream I owned for many years — until son Tony asked if he could have it when he moved to Minnesota years ago. Of course, I gave it to him, and whenever he moves I look to see where he and Heather will hang it in their new home.

Painting 3 is a small landscape of a lake or something that came from my Aunt Mary Campbell, and was in my hands only briefly before my mother said she'd like to have it to replace the Tantalion painting she had just passed on to me.

Out of sight, out of mind, for the most part. But shortly after my granddaughter Arabelle in Minnesota turned 1, I started thinking about that third painting, and decided she also needed a painting from Maine. So the next time I went to see my mother, I took down the painting so I could write "for Tony" on the back so he would eventually get it.

And what do you know, but Ga had written "Swan Island, Loch Lomond" on the back. Now I'm checking out pictures of that location online to see if I can identify a photo or painting Ga may have used as a model.

So we have Loch Lomond, and we have Tan-

tallon, the ruins of which are in North Berwick, not far from Dunbar, Scotland. Ga's ancestor Robert Dunbar came from Dunbar to Hingham, Massachusetts, around 1635 or so, but I think it doubtful she would have known about that Scottish line.

Ga's father was Silas Harris Cummings, a descendant of Silas Harris, whose Sherman and Launce ancestry provides her royal line back to Edward I, and also to Malcolm III of Scotland and wife, St. Margaret.

She probably didn't know about that line way back, either, but her grandson Paul Bennett and his wife Emma, who lived in Freeport, did visit England and Scotland, including St. Margaret's Chapel at Edinburgh Castle.

There is a nice article in the August-September 2015 issue of Scotland Magazine, which is available in some bookstores.

I have seen enough examples of Mary Lord's handwriting to identify her penmanship on the back of her paintings. She also wrote January 1928 on the back of the Loch Lomond painting, an era when I think she did some of her best work. Someone else wrote her name and \$1 on the back of the can-

vas. I'm guessing that's what it cost her to have it framed in 1928.

I guess I'd better ask my sister and brother if I can look at the back of the paintings they have. Who knows what we will learn.

A new Stepp

I was tied up the day we expected Ali Rae Stepp to enter the world in July, so I emailed Martha ahead of time I'd be pleased if she sent me a note to let me know that all had gone well — and she did.

I thought it would be cute if Andrew and Charlene named Mackenzie and Morgan's little sister Meringue — especially since the girls' grandmother is such an outstanding cook. No luck. They already had Ali Rae picked out.

Her middle name is a variation of Martha's maiden name McCrae, and also a tribute to the girls' grandfather, William Raymond Stepp, who died in July two years ago.

We all will have stories to tell Ali Rae about Bubba. I also look forward to explaining to her that so many of us used to get hugs from Bubba, and we've been saving them to give to her.

For information on researching family history in Maine, see Genealogy Resources under Family Ties at bangordailynews.com/browse/family-ties. Send genealogy queries to Family Ties, Bangor Daily News, P.O. Box 1329, Bangor, ME 04402, or email familyti@bangordailynews.com.

Copies of his book will be available for sale and signing. Free for members of Yarmouth Historical Society; \$5 for all others.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

Belfast area farm and art tour set

BELFAST — Belfast Creative Coalition will host "Cultivate: Belfast Area Farm and Art Fall Tour," 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10-11, and will include open studios, farm tours and special workshops and demonstrations.

Southern Waldo County locations will be Saturday and Northern Waldo County Sunday.

Highlights this year include David Estey, Kenny Cole, Betsy Levine and David Jacobson. Visitors are encouraged to bring their families and visit artists' working in their studios, see a glass blowing demonstration or learn how to make jewelry.

Tour maps will be available for download from the website or to pick up a printed map at the Belfast Visitor Center, 14 Main St., Belfast.

Tours are free, but donations will be appreciated.

For information, visit BelfastCreativeCoalition.org or Facebook.

Annual Pumpkin Festival in Castine

CASTINE — The second annual Pumpkin Festival will be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, with pumpkin-themed activities for the whole family.

The event will kick off with a pancake breakfast at the Trinitarian Congregational Parish Church. Other activities begin at 10 a.m. and include a pumpkin cooking contest, Pumpkin Challenge competition for children, pumpkin decorating, face painting, pumpkin growing contest, raffles and more. Exquisitely carved pumpkins by The Farming Artists will be on display.

The Pumpkin Festival will feature a beer garden with seasonal music, food and craft vendors, and an antique car cruise-in.

All events are free and will be held on lower Main Street, the town dock and Water Street.

The event is sponsored by the Castine Community and Economic Development Promotions Committee and Cas-

tine Merchants Association. For information, visit facebook.com/CastinePumpkinFest or VisitCastine.com.

Meals from Maine fundraiser set

HAMPDEN — Meals from Maine will hold a spaghetti supper and silent auction fundraiser 4-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at Reeds Brook Middle School, 28 Main Road.

To donate items for the silent auction, call Sandi at 942-0114.

Baked bean supper at Dedham church

DEDHAM — A baked bean supper will be held 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Dedham Church, Route 46, in Dedham Village.

The menu will include baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, hot dogs, rolls, brown bread, beverages and pies.

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children.

Chicken pie supper at Bangor Grange

BANGOR — A chicken pie supper with vegetables, rolls and pies will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Bangor Grange Hall, 1192 Ohio St. Cost is \$8.

The Wildwood Band will begin its performance at 7 p.m. for a cost of \$8 per person. The cost to attend the supper and the music show is \$16.

For information, call 973-3976.

Community potluck at Valley Grange

GUILFORD — A community potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at Valley Grange, 172 Guilford Center Road.

A program that begins at 7 p.m. will include a planning discussion of the Words for Thirds Program for 2015. Valley Grange gives a dictionary to every third-grade student in four districts in the area as part of this program.

For information, call Walter Boomsma at 343-1842.

Things to Do

BANGOR — End Violence Together rally and march, 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at West Market Square. Sponsored by more than 40 organizations. Drumming, music, children's activities coordinated by the Maine Discovery Museum, speakers, and opportunities to visit information tables of sponsoring groups will be followed by a one-mile march through downtown Bangor and a concluding ceremony at West Market Square.

BANGOR — Bangor Historical Society walking tours highlighting Bangor's Devil's Half Acre area, where saloons and brothels reigned in defiance of Maine's Prohibitory Law established in 1851, 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, departing from Bangor Historical Society, 159 Union St. For information, call 942-1900 or visit www.bangorhistoricalsociety.org. Sponsored by Eaton Peabody.

BAR HARBOR — ImprovAcadia's 12th season, through Oct. 17, 8 p.m. shows family-friendly; 10 p.m. shows may contain adult content, at the 50-seat theater, 15 Cottage St., second floor. Tickets \$17 for adults, \$12 for children 10 and under. Check improvacadia.com, call 288-2503 or email improvacadia@mindspring.com.

BREWER — There will be a Multicultural Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival celebration, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, Brewer Auditorium, 318 Wilson St. Entertainment will represent cultural and ethnic heritage from all over the world in addition to the traditional observation of the Chinese Moon Festival. Ethnic food. All ages with special children's activities. Free. For information, visit www.mainechina.org.

BREWER — The Skylin-

ers, a 13 piece big band, dancing, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Next Generation Theatre, 39 Center St. Favorite arrangements from the 1940s and 1950s as well as swing, jazz, pop, waltz and latin numbers. Beer and wine available for those 21 and older. \$8. For information, call 989-7100.

EASTPORT — Outdoor movies sponsored by local businesses, 7:30 p.m. Fridays, at Eastport's Overland Park Amphitheater. "Life of Pi," Sept. 18; "Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," Oct. 10. Free. Rain date is Saturday.

HOLDEN — Sixth annual Holden Fall Frolic, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, 570 Main Road, Route 1A. Free parking and admission. Touch-a-truck, vendors, raffles, games, petting zoo, entertainment, Timber Tina's ax throwing at 1 p.m. and more. A chowder with fixings supper, 5-7 p.m. in Holden Elementary School gymnasium. \$10 for adults; \$5 for children. For information, call Holden Fire Department at 843-6737 or visit www.holdenmaine.com.

MONMOUTH — Theater at Monmouth's 46th season continues with the opening of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, "Ruddigore or The Witch's Curse," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17. Performances are: preview, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17; opening 7:30 p.m. Sept. 18; 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19, 24, 25, 26; 1 p.m. Sept. 19, 20, 26, 27. Ticket prices are \$10-\$30. Discounts available for groups of 10 or more. For calendar and reservations, contact the TAM Box Office at 933-9999 or visit www.theateratmonmouth.org.

PORTLAND — Sched-

uled tours of Portland's historic Eastern Cemetery, founded in 1668, 11 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, through October, at 224 Congress St. Tours led by trained volunteers, who cover the cemetery's history, prominent historical figures and early gravestone art. \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and age 65 and older, free for under 12. Tickets available on the Spirits Alive website or at the gate. Off-schedule private tours available at no extra charge. Proceeds used to conserve Eastern Cemetery's grave-stones. For information, visit SpiritsAlive.org/tours or call 761-0187.

PROSPECT — Fort Knox and Penobscot Narrows Observatory, 9 a.m.-sunset through Saturday, Oct. 31. Observatory closes at 5 p.m. Guided tours of Fort Knox provided daily or visitors may take their own self-guided tour. Site available to rent for reunions, birthday parties, weddings and other events. The observatory has a new pavilion for rent that overlooks the Penobscot River and comes with a gas grill. Check out Fort Knox special events at fortknex.maine-guide.com.

YARMOUTH — Joseph Conforti, historian and author of "Lizzie Borden on Trial: Murder, Ethnicity, and Gender," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Yarmouth History Center, 118 East Elm St. Conforti is a native of Fall River, Massachusetts, site of the infamous Borden murders, and he taught American and New England Studies at the University of Southern Maine for 24 years before retiring as Distinguished Professor Emeritus in 2011.

Monday prime time

MOVIES

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	American Ninja Warrior Obstacles include Psycho Chain. (N) (HD)							News
	4 CBC Murdoch Mysteries	Just for Laughs		The National (N)		News	Coronation		Rick Mercer
	5 CBS Big Bang	Mike	Big Bang	Odd Couple	Scorpion (HD)		(9:59) NCIS: Los Angeles		News
	52 CW Family Guy	Family Guy	Penn & Teller: Fool Us	Whose Line Is Your Business?	Significant		News	Seinfeld	Cougar
	6 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	American Ninja Warrior Obstacles include Psycho Chain. (N) (HD)							News
	7 ABC Wheel	Jeopardy!	Dancing With the Stars (N) (L) (HD)			(:01) DanceBattle America			News
	7 WAGM FOX The Insider	Ent	So You Think You Can Dance The winner is chosen.			News	Big Bang		Big Bang
	8 ABC Wheel	Jeopardy!	Dancing With the Stars (N) (L) (HD)			(:01) DanceBattle America			News
	MPBN PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)	Antiques Roadshow	American Experience (N) (HDTV Part 1 of 2)						C. Rose
	9 IND Castle (HD)	So You Think You Can Dance The winner is chosen.				News-Lisa	CTV News		Big Bang
KIDS	13 CBS Ent The Insider	Big Bang	Odd Couple	Scorpion (HD)		(9:59) NCIS: Los Angeles			News
	22 FOX Mod Fam	Mod Fam	So You Think You Can Dance The winner is chosen.			FOX 22 News at 10 (N)			Law-SVU
	33 IND M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero		C. Burnett
	38 IND Big Bang	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		WBZ News (N) (HD)		Seinfeld
	NICK Thunder	Thunder	Game Shakers		Full House	Full House	Full House		Friends
	DISN Austin	Bunk'd	** Teen Beach 2 (2015) Ross Lynch, Maia Mitchell.			Liv-Mad.	Jessie		I Didn't
	FAM (6:00) ** Step Up	Switched at Birth (N)	(:01) Chasing Life (N)			(:01) Switched at Birth			700 Club
	HIST Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars		Angels
	DISC Fast N' Loud (ESP)	Fast N' Loud: Revved Up	Fast N' Loud (N) (ESP)			(:01) Rusted Development			Fast-Loud
	TLC Lost His Face	Human Spiders	Mermaid Girl: Shilo's Journey (N)						Body Bi
LEARN	A&E The First 48		The First 48		(:01) The First 48		(:01) The First 48		The First 48
	ANPL Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		(:01) Treehouse Masters		(:02) Treehouse Masters		Treehouse
	CSNE Patriots	Quick	English Premier League Soccer			Sports	SportsNet		Sports
	ESPN (6:55) NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Atlanta Falcons. (N Subject to Blackout)					NFL Football: Vikings at 49ers			
	ESPN2 Around	Interruption	World/Poker		World/Poker		SportsCenter (N) (L)		SportCtr
	NBCSP Equestrian American Gold Cup. (Taped)		Hunting TV		Big Red: Outlaw Racer		RacerTV		Premier
	NESN MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles. (N) (L)					Extra	Red Sox		Sports
	CNBC White Collar		Shark Tank		West Texas		West Texas		Make Me a
	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		Cooper 360
	FNC Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		The Kelly File (N)		Hannity (N)		O'Reilly
NEWS	MSNBC Hardball Chris Matthews		All in With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		All In With
	AMC The Quick and the Dead		*** Tombstone (1993, Western) (ESP) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. (R)						Wild Hogs
	BRV Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		(:01) Ladies of London		Happens
	CMT Last Man	Last Man	Reba		* Fool's Gold (2008, Action)		Matthew McConaughey. (PG-13)		
	COM Archer	(:22) Archer	Archer	(:26) Archer	Archer	(:29) Archer	Archer	Archer	At Midnight
	E! News (N)		Fashion Police (N)		Fashion Police		I Am Cait		E! News
	FOOD Kids Cook-Off		Kids Cook-Off		Diners		Diners, Drive		Diners
	FX Here Comes the Boom		** Bad Teacher (2011, Comedy) Cameron Diaz. (R)				** Bad Teacher (2011, Comedy) (R)		
	GAC Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage
	HALL The Waltons		The Waltons		The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls
VARIETY	HGTV Love It or List It		Tiny House	Tiny House	Tiny House	Tiny House	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Tiny Luxury
	LIFE (6:00) Friends With Kids (R)		*** Friends With Benefits	(2011) Justin Timberlake. (R)					The Preacher's Mistress
	MTV (:12) Ridiculousness		Awkward.	Awkward.	Faking It		(:02) Todrick		Girl Code
	OXY Crazy Talk	Crazy Talk	Snapped		Snapped		Snapped		Snapped
	SPIKE (6:04) ** I Am Number Four (2011)		(:35) ** 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003, Action) Paul Walker. (PG-13)						I Am Four
	SYFY (6:30) *** Hanna (2011) Saoirse Ronan. (PG-13)		** Secret Window (2004) Johnny Depp. (PG-13)						Se7en (R)
	TBN Rodriguez	Potters	Bless Lord	End of Age	Franklin	J. Duplantis	St. John in Exile		
	TBS Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan (N)
	TCM Man-Came to Dinner		*** Deathtrap (1982, Mystery) Michael Caine. (PG)				(:15) *** Running on Empty (1988)		
	TCM (6:20) ** Flying Blind		*** Ray (2004, Biography) (ESP) Jamie Foxx. (PG-13)				Chappelle's Block Party		
PREMIUM	TNT Castle		Castle		Castle		Bones (ESP)		Bones
	TRAVEL Bizarre Foods America		36 Hours (N)		Bizarre	Bizarre	Bizarre Foods America		Uncommon
	TRU Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Six Degr.		Imp. Jokers
	TVL Facts-Life	Facts-Life	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King
	USA NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (L)						Big Mom
	VH1 Love & Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop		Black Ink Crew (N)		She's Got Game (N)		Love
	WGN-A Person of Interest		Person of Interest		Elementary (HD)		Elementary (HD)		Videos
	ENC (5:55) *** Guardians of the Galaxy (2014) (ESP)		** Think Like a Man Too (2014, Romance-Comedy) (ESP) Adam Brody, Michael Ealy. (PG-13)				(9:50) *** About Last Night (2014, Romance-Comedy) (ESP) Kevin Hart. (R)		
	HBO The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst		(:15) *** Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (2014) (ESP) Andy Serkis. (2014) Jeremy Renner.				*** Kill the Messenger		
	MAX (6:10) ** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift		Strike Back (ESP)		** The Jacket (2005, Science Fiction) (ESP) Adrien Brody, Keira Knightley. (R) (1999) (ESP) (R)		(:45) *** Summer of Sam		
SHOW	Masters of Sex Johnson has an objection.		Ray Donovan		Masters of Sex Johnson has an objection.		Ray Donovan		Masters of Sex
	STARZ Heaven Is for the Real (PG)		** Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (2014)		** Flight of the Phoenix (2004, Adventure) (ESP) Dennis Quaid, Giovanni Ribisi. (PG-13)				*** Twister

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