



New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

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"In the thistle's shadow, violets grow stronger."

President's Tartan Day Message

Since April 6, 1993, Tartan Day has been a celebration in New Brunswick. In the 2010 proclamation, Hon. James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage expressed the following sentiments: "On this day, all Canadians will have the opportunity to celebrate and learn about Scottish culture, traditions, and heritage, as well as their contribution to Canadian society....I encourage people all across the country to celebrate on that date [April 6th] the contributions of millions of Canadians of Scottish ancestry in building our country."

Today communities such as Dalhousie, Balmoral, Rothesay, Ben Lomond and many others remind us of Scottish settlers who traveled to this Province with no more than their strong values, proud culture and undying work ethic in search of a better life for themselves and their children.

As New Brunswickers of Scottish descent prepare to celebrate Tartan Day this week, a group of dedicated researchers are hoping to make the holiday more meaningful in the coming years. They are the team behind the ambitious plans for the NB Scottish Portal, an online historical and genealogical interface which will tell the story of the Scots in the

province. Already one year in the making, with three phases that will be completed over a three-to-four year period, the New Brunswick Scottish Portal will once and for all tell the story of the Scots who came to New Brunswick and made the province what it is today. Although every effort to tap federal and provincial funding will continue to be made, it has become very difficult to secure the necessary funding of \$80,000 required to complete this project.

The project has issued an urgent appeal for financial support. Without generous contributions from people like you, the New Brunswick Scottish Portal project simply will not exist. If you believe it is important for us to tell the story of our past to our children and their children, then you must donate to this worthy cause. Time is of the essence. Every contribution – be it in the amount of \$25, \$50, or even \$100 or more – will help ensure that the stories of our ancestors will not only survive, but continue to be told for generations to come. Please visit the [donation centre](#) on our to make a pledge

BE PROUD OF YOUR SCOTTISH HERITAGE!! The New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association encourages all of New Brunswick to take the opportunity during this week to attend one of several [Tartan Day celebrations](#) held around the Province.

Llewellyn Smith
President
New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association.