

Texas Day of the Scots – November 30

Many of our early Texas pioneers & heroes, Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin, Davey Crockett, and Jim Bowie are all of Scottish descent. For the last seven years, Texans have celebrated a special day to recognize Scottish Heritage in Texas.

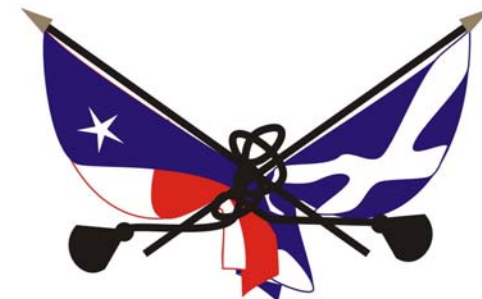
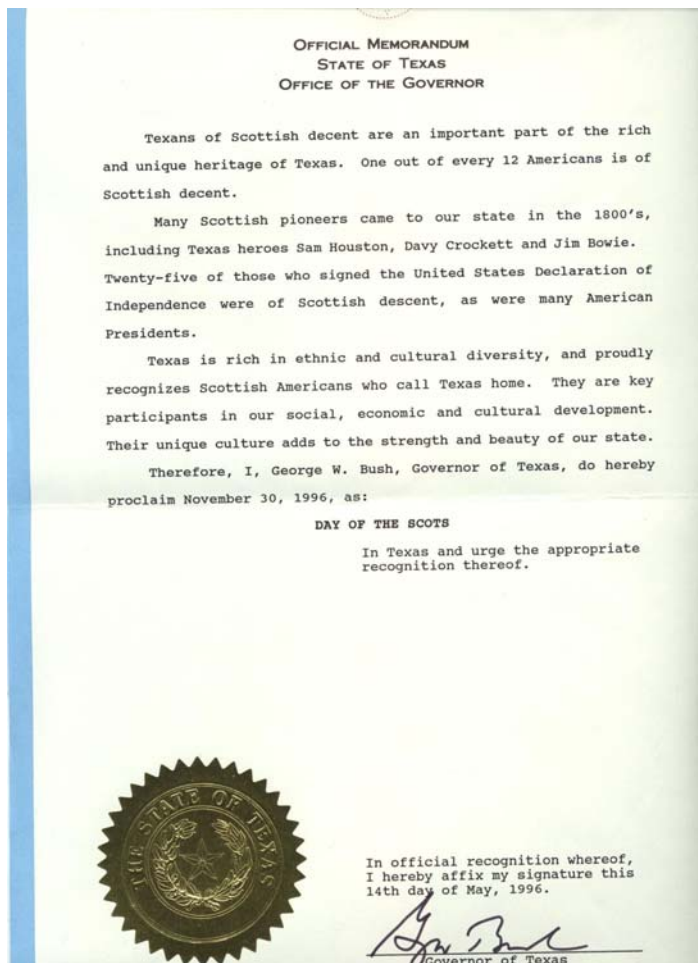
Since George W. Bush signed the first proclamation in 1996, November 30th has been designated as a day to celebrate our Texas Scottish heritage. November 30th was chosen because it is St. Andrew's Day in Scotland and is celebrated by Scots throughout the world.

The Bluebonnet Tartan of Texas

Tartan refers to fabric woven into plaid patterns which represent clans, families or regions in Scotland. A Tartan may be designed to commemorate a special event or person. In old Scotland, the Tartan was used for dress as well as a banner or flag. The kilt is made in special Tartan designs. Because a family or community worked the cloth together, their clothing was made of the same patterns, and so a person could be recognized by the Tartan plaid that he wore.

Texas has its own tartan, recognized both by the Texas government as well as the Tartan registries in Scotland. The **Texas Bluebonnet Tartan** was conceived and designed by June P. McRoberts. She designed a pattern to represent the state flower, the Bluebonnet, using the colors and symmetry of the flower itself. She received much help and guidance from the Scottish Tartan Society Museum in Scotland and later registered the Bluebonnet Tartan with the STS Museum, the official register for tartans.

The first official recognition of the tartan came in 1986 when the Sesquicentennial Committee of Texas adopted the Bluebonnet Tartan as the official Sesquicentennial Tartan. In 1989, Texas Representative Schlueter became aware of the Texas Bluebonnet Tartan and one of his last acts before retiring was to put forth the motion that the tartan be adopted as the State Tartan. In May 25, 1989, by In-House Concurrence Resolution #242, the Texas Bluebonnet Tartan became the official State Tartan for the great state of Texas.



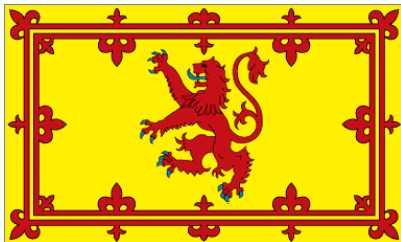
Flags of Scotland



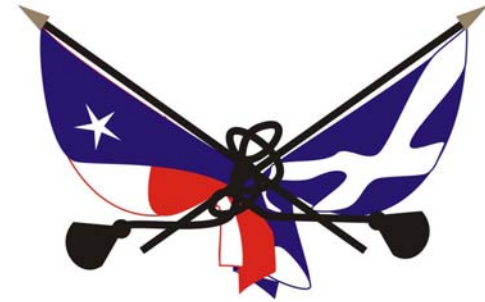
The flag of the United Kingdom - known as the Union flag or Union Jack - is made up from the flags of Scotland, England (the Cross of Saint George) and Ireland (the Cross of Saint Patrick).



The Scottish flag is the cross of St. Andrew, also known as the Saltire. It is said to be one of the oldest national flags of any country, dating back at least to the 12th century.



There is a second flag which is associated with Scotland, the "Rampant Lion", or Royal Flag of Scotland. Although based on an older Scottish flag than the St. Andrew's Cross, it should, strictly speaking, now only be used by the monarch in relation to her capacity as Queen of Scotland. However it is widely used as a second national flag.



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