

European Trip - Fri. June 6 to
Sun. June 29
1980

Fri - June 6 - Joyce took
Ginny & ~~me~~ to the airport -
Got all checked in - Left at
noon for La Guardia - took
shuttle to Kennedy - after a wait
of a couple of hrs. we boarded
Lufthansa ⁷⁴⁷ - were air borne
about 6:15 - The plane
seemed to be filled - a D.C. 10.
They served cold drinks then
about 7:45 we had dinner
By 8:45 it was getting dark, I
tried to sleep but couldn't -
By 11:30 the sun was rising
and they came around with
hot wash cloths! - Then orange
juice and shortly after 12 they
started to serve - breakfast!
fruit, rolls, coffee and cucumbers
& cheese? About 1 we landed

at Dusseldorf - We all had to deplane to show our passports - Were there an hr. Got to Munich at 3 - (changed our watches) Took a cab to hotel - arrived at 10 - slept 3 hrs. Then took a 2 1/2 hr. tour of city - very nice. In evening looked for "Rhenhoff" restaurant - in a drizzle - finally found it - Had a good dinner and so home and to bed. A busy night & day - even went to Herti's dept store and got a tag for Matthew -

Sund. June 8 Got up about 7:30 Had breakfast in our room - (no coffee - Ginny's unit won't work) Went for a nice walk up the pedestrian mall - beautiful

shops (none open) Waited for the Glockenspiel (figures come out etc.) Had lunch at a miserable fast food place - Finished packing and the porter took our bags over to the R.P. station to the Oberammergau bus.

When we got in the mts. it started to rain - poor visibility - got to Ober - had to take a taxi to our hotel - plain, but O.K. - beautiful view of mts. from our window - Had a very good dinner in the P.M. did the shops - Ginny got things for Helen + Marge - and so to bed - the play tomorrow -

Mon. June 9 - Went out to the main road to catch the bus - (We could have walked) Very good seats in the center and quite near the front

Huge stage - large chorus - good voices
- Tableaus - 1500 in all in the
cast - got out at 11:30 - had lunch -
afternoon perf. from 2:30 to about
5:15. All in all very impressive
All in German, but didn't have
much difficulty following our
Eng. text. Walked home -
stopped in a few shops - good
dinner - interesting dinner partners
Joyce + Roy Brown - they are
camping thru Europe - Can see
beautiful mts. from our window
some with snow - Highest peak
has a cruffix.

Tues. June 10 -

We planned to see the museum
this morning before leaving -
but it doesn't open until noon -
So we walked around town -

Took a few pictures etc.

Left Oberammergau about 1:15
Ar. in Munich 2:30 - Got
our room at Excelsior (very nice)
Had lunch at Hertl's dept store
Rested then decided to go to the
leading art museum at night
- Had to eat at Mr. Donalds
in order to get there on time!
Got home about 9:30 - Took
taxis both ways - Relaxed
for rest of evening -

Wed. June 11 - Travel day

Ate breakfast in hotel dining
room - then went to pedestrian
mall to Woolworth's bought a
luggage tag and some tape.
Left the hotel about 11:45 - got taxi
to airport - ate lunch - changed over

marks to pounds (5 pounds)
Plane left (B.A.) at 1:15 -
changed our watches back one
hr. (served lunch (We didn't
think they would!)) Arrived
at Heathrow at 2:05 - showed
our passports - Ginny got a Heathrow
card - got our luggage + finally got
to the Glasgow shuttle gate (luggage
+ all!) Have free tea, coffee,
shuttle ~~plane~~ left early - then
we spent an hr. on the ground
because some warning light kept
coming on - Finally we took off -
arrived in Glasgow at 5:45. Got
a porter to take our bags across
the street to the Excelsior Hotel -
nice but not plush - very soundproof
Had a very nice dinner at the
"Carvery" - roast beef + the works
and so to bed -

Mrs. Monk lives on a Croft - about
50 acres - have rented for generations

Thurs. June 12 - Benbecula
Bound! Ate in our room
(remains of lunch we didn't need
on our flight from Munich) I have
a teakettle + tea + coffee
packets in room - Left the air-
port at 10:15 - arrived Benbecula
at 11:15 - Cool + very windy - Mrs. Monk
met us - a very nice lady - took us in her
car to the garage (They all talk Gaelic to
each other) Rented a mini car - went to Mrs.
M's - had lunch - met a Swedish Colonel
on holiday - biking around - Håkan Hol-
strom. He joined us in the P.M. as our
guide - a strange landscape - hilly and
rocky - no trees - lots of lochs -
1^{car} width roads with lots of turn out
pass places - no towns as such -
Sheep all over the hills - and on
the roads - We went to S. Uist

- Sheep have long shaggy coats -

Stopped for the Colonel to collect a pair of socks he had left at Mrs. Mac Millane - We were invited in for tea - a lovely elderly couple - sat in front of a peat fire place for tea (scones and jam and cheese and cookies) Got maps at Lochboisdale. Ginny got along very well driving a shift and driving on the ^{left} wrong side of the road. We went up, over & around - Had dinner at 7 - soup - lamb - carrots, potatoes - cake with cream - tea & coffee. It stays light until about 11 o'clock - Now we'll study the map for tomorrow.

Fri. June 13 - I

Today we did N. Vist and Grimsay - stopped at a Weaver. Ginny bought skirt lengths in plaids - Then we went on to Lochmaddy and had tea

and sandwiches in a bar. A town seems to be one street with a few buildings along the way - Ginny went into a new bank on a hill - a gate half way up to keep the sheep out - Had to stop often for flocks of sheep - saw one herd of cows on road - also a stone house with a thatched roof that was inhabited. Saw heather on the hillsides. Lots of peat stacked.

Sat. June 14 -

Had breakfast about 8:30 - Juice, ham & eggs, toast, coffee oat cakes and marmalade. I had a hair appointment for 10 o'clock - B. shop in military compound near the airport (a short cut was over a stile to get over fence) Got

a very nice hair do - Then we set out for our day's travels. We took the road closest to the ocean. We went about 4 miles and came to Clark Island restaurant - a very nice place with nothing around it and off the road a piece - We went a little farther and went out to the beach - what a beach - about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile wide - white sand and nobody on it - Then we saw a farmer shearing his sheep so of course we took pictures. Then we went on to the end of a peninsula came to an inn - had tea - On the way home ^{we} went off the road - down a trail more or less - we went to a jewelry place - They make original Hebridean silver jewelry - bought a

Mac Donald chain for Helen. Then we found our way home - with no difficulty We are beginning to feel like natives - Mr. Stan Haynes staying at the house - relief for someone at the airdrome. Just came from Orkney Islands - Home is in Glasgow. Going to see a Mac Donald ~~Mr. June~~ family tonight - May be relatives! This is the family! Went to a Donald Mac Donald (a distant relative) met a Jean Mac Rury Mac Lullich who should be a 3rd cousin - probably my closest relative on the island. Saw the foundation of my great grandfather's house + ruins of barn + stone fence of stockyard - buildings

quite near the water - This about a
20 acre acreage - more acreage
back farther - Went into a stone
house now used for storing
implements - but typical -
thatch gone - replaced by
tin roof - had 2 windows
facing east - 1 on west - dirt floor
they covered with straw - fire in middle
of floor - hole in roof - beds along the wall
at one end - eating & sitting area other end
(This had belonged to Jean's sister) -
Sheila Mac Donald had done the family
chart - her husband had a copy made for
me - If this is correct, grandfather had
2 brothers & a sister - gives baptismal
dates for them, but only a name for
Donald - Gr. grandfather Archy
Mac Donald, the post master,
Gr. grandmother, Jane Mac Rury

Had tea - and was given a horse
shoe that must have been buried
by gr. grandfather.

Sun. June 15 - Went to church with
Mrs. Monk - the church the
Mac Donald family attended
Church of Scotland - minister was
ill, so chaplain from base took
the service - knew 3 out of 4 hymns -
Text - but not music - Raining, so we
couldn't get a very good picture -
Ginny did take one. Mrs. M. visited
hospital in P.M. - I repacked & rested -
Ginny read (a very quiet Sun) Tonight
we may visit the cemetery and have
tea with Jean. Went to the cemetery
found my great grandparents
tombstone - Archie died when he was
44 - Jane at 87. Went to Jean's for a

clad - tea, sandwiches, fruit
cake, gingerbread - Lenny & I tried
to get away without eating the sand-
wiches - but no go - We were so
full! We had had late dinner
saw cloth (Hairs I need) that Jean's
mother had made - a very pleasant
evening - Still light at 11 o'clock -
Mon, June 16

Took the car back -
on the way took a picture of a wee
thatched roof cottage that was left to
Mrs. Monk - Paid the rental bill, just about 18 a
day + our gas - our plane left at 11:45 - Mrs. M
came to see us off - even kissed us goodby -
arrived in Glasgow about 12:45 - Took a taxi
to the Queens St. Station - a busy place - found
we could get a train to Edinburgh in about
7 min - We made it - In Edinburgh station
found the train to Durham at 3 - a wait

of about 1 1/2 hrs - ate a sandwich in
the station - Weather gloomy + misty -
couldn't see very far - saw lots of
freight yards + big dirty old buildings -
Country side green + rolling - at times
saw N. Sea. Arrived in Durham about

5 - Went thru the tunnel to get to other
side of track to get a taxi - a strange trip
thru the wet catacombs - got to our hotel
in time for dinner at 7 - met our group
only 17 in group - guide James Stewart - a
nice Scotsman from Glasgow. Went to dinner
with our group - a nice dinner -

Tues June 17 - From Durham to Edinburgh
Left at 8:30 - Went thru the lush country side
Cherriot sheep etc - rolling hills ^{big} old houses -
Got to our hotel about 1:10 - Had a "bar" lunch
Then the bus took us to down town Edinburgh
old town - new town built in 1700's - the
castle sits high above the city - 470,000 people

Hot Streets in some places look like San Francisco - In P.M. Took a city tour to Holyrood Palace - the Queen's residence when she comes on official business - she is coming July 1 for a week - saw Mary Queen of Scots' quarters - where Darnley was assassinated - ruins of Holyrood Abbey - Saw John Knox's home & church where he was minister - old quarters - 7-8 stories high - Threw all the refuse in the street - whole city smelled in older days - Didn't shop as stores closed at 5:30 - Took a double-decker bus home Took about 20 min. Had dinner - Mr. Taylor tried to fix our little heating unit - but it is shot -

Wed. June 18 - Edinburgh to Kingussie
Left Edinburgh about 8:45 - a beautiful day - drove along the Firth of 4th - went over the largest suspension bridge in Europe - saw beautiful heather

Road sign - Dual carriage way -
(Expressway) Divided highway
(didn't last long)

covered hills - took a picture of a long haired shaggy highland cow. Came thru Dumfries - birthplace of Andrew Carnegie - Came past Glen Eagles, a famous golf course where Bing Crosby used to play. Had coffee break at a charming hotel in a small village - Had lunch - a meat pie in Aherfeldry - where Black Watch was formed in 1739. Stopped at Queen's View - lovely view of Loch Lomond -
Went thru Blair Castle - ^{started in 12⁶⁹} belongs to Duke of Atholl owns it - a 49 yr. old bachelor - Beautiful furniture dishes - went thru about 30 rms. (Don't know where the Duke has his quarters) - a tea room and gift shop of course - Today saw the Grampian and Cairngorms Cairngorm mts. Tonight we are at Kingussie - a ski resort in winter

Lots of wild deer in area -
did see some earlier today -
Our room tonight is oldest we have been
in - no private bath - but wash bowl
in room - went for walk in evening

Thurs June 19 - We decided to do our
washing this morning - (Laundrette)
Then did some shopping - skirt material
and matching yarn - Had lunch in the bar
(scampi + chips) - In P.M. went for drive
up the Cairngorm Mts - saw snow + ski
lifts - Were to see Osprey - but too
many people so our bus tour couldn't
see them - very windy + cool up there -
Left that point and went to a stop
where we had tea + saw a 20 min
film on the history of the Highlands -
Then to Aviemore - mainly a
very modern ski resort - got
held up by road repair - Had
evening entertainment - an
organist and later a piper
+ dancer - very nice -

Went to Bank in Rothes at lunch time
Fri. June 20 - Kingussie + Strathpeffer
First stop ~~for~~ Glenfarg distillery
distillery - saw how most whiskey is
made - bought 2 miniatures - tasted the
stuff - others seemed to enjoy it - Lots of
distilleries in the area - use water that
comes thru peat for distinctive flavor
Saw Cawdor castle in distance
- setting for Shakespeares Mac Beth -
Saw sight of Battle of Culloden
where Bonnie Prince Charlie was
defeated by Lord Cumberland
55 min. battle - 1200 Highlanders
killed - few Royalists - Went
thru Inverness - making new roads
couldn't pack (Forgot, had fresh
salmon for lunch in Rothes) Came
thru many villages - Went to
Pringle Woollen Outlet - bought
some scarves - still am satisfied

with woollen things from Kingussie
Arrived at Strathpeffer about
5:20 - a big hotel on a hill -
side - will be here 3 nights -
Our own bathroom!

Sat June 21 - Looked like it
would be a nice day, but it started
raining shortly after we left. nice
scenery - rushing streams, hills,
lochs, and garden plants - stopped at a
small place for tea - raining - Got to Inverewe
Gardens for lunch - 100's of
varieties of flowers - beautiful but
cool + rainy off and on - Left and
came back over higher mts - lots
of lochs - stopped at a 200 ft
gorge + waterfall - rained off and
on all day (I think that is quite
usual) After dinner walked
down to the shops - with Faye

Smith - she bought unusual ear
rings + brooch - Can't get over the
long day - light hrs. -
Sunday - June 22

The sun is shining - cool of course.
This morning drove along
more rivers, lochs + mountains.
Took a smaller road up to
Glen Affric - our drive says
is most beautiful glen in
Scotland - islands, wooded
water + mts - lovely - Came
back to Beaulieu? for lunch - most
shops closed - one open - Wrote cards
in the PM - repacked - went to church
at 6 - a nice young lay minister -
were 10 min. late for dinner - The
Colonel in his Kilt gave the "in-
formations" at church - Velvet
pouch collection - 2 handles

Mon. June 23 - 'over the sea to Skye'
- Saw Loch Ness - a beautiful
big loch - It was very still -
24 miles - 900 ft. deep - saw
beautiful green mts - looked like
velvet - didn't see any deer but
this is their home - Crossed to Isle
of Skye at 1:30 - about a 5 to 10
min. run - Got on the bus again -
from various places could see the
Outer Hebrides, especially Harris
& Lewis - It cleared up beautifully
Our hotel is in a beautiful
spot - looks out over the water
toward the Hebrides - can see them
in the distance - saw the Cullins
coming in (clear weather) a castle
in ruins within view - I didn't
climb up there - our room has the
view - a very good dinner -
waiting for the sunset (about 11 to 11:30)

Tues. June 24 - Left about 9 and
stopped at a craft shop -
very nice things but I have
done most of my shopping -
Then went on ~~the~~ Portree -
the largest town on the
island - had plenty of time to
wander around town - Had
lunch at a lovely spot -
at Plenton expense! In the
P.M. went to Dunvegan
Castle - lived in until
recently - Flora MacLeod
died at 98 just 4 yrs. ago -
MacDonalds & MacLeods
feuded - The castle in ruins
seen from our bedroom window
was a stronghold of the Mac
Donalds - It is misty tonight
and the Outer Hebrides are barely
visible.

Gunny's Birthday!

Wed. June 25 - Left Dunelm at 8:45 - beautiful morning - beautiful scenery - lochs, saw Ben Nevis - tallest mt. in Britain 4488 ft - few clouds on Mt. some snow - saw Caledonian canal which crosses Scotland with locks - had tea at a lovely hotel with lovely flower garden got to the ferry at a little after 11 - quite a process getting loaded - loading lowers to pack cars - have a turntable for 2 cars etc. Clapped when Jimmy bought the coach on - took about 1/2 hr. to cross - stopped for tea & bought a kiltie skirt - Royal Stewart tartan - got to Oban about 5:30 (saw Stewart Castle on way) Had dinner - Jimmy dressed

in his dress kilt and brought Gunny's cake to the lounge - one of the Dutch girls played the flute (Happy Birthday) very good cake - gave Gunny a card we all signed - had an accordion player in lounge after dinner - so to bed - tomorrow a steamer trip to Iona - breakfast at 8. Thurs. June 26 - a free day - Changed my mind and decided to shop and loaf - Our hotel looks out over the bay - lots of other hotels - a wide walk on the water side We are a good 1/2 mile from the shopping - I walked down and was very

successful - Got Emily a kerchief,
got Ginnys tams, sewing kits
and straps for her kilted skirts -
Ate down town (cafeteria, nothing
special) Walked back - took
a few pictures (I dropped my
camera but it still seems
to work) Then I repacked -
hope it works - had a
bath and a nap (Gunny went
with Faye + Christine on an
all day steamer trip to Mull
and Iona. Tonight we go
to the theater - a Scots singer
a film etc. A lovely program
enjoyed every minute of it -
Kenneth MacKellar, Scottish dancers
woman singer - 3 piece band - and a
narrated film (beautiful scenes)
Oban, a very nice little town -

Saw Beatrice Potters farm home
in distance - also birthplace of R. Burns

Thurs. June 27 - Oban to Windermere ^{Eng.}

Saw Loch Lomond - a very
pretty long lake - Have boat
trips on it - More lovely lakes,
hills, mts etc. Had lunch at
Moffat - last chance for
Scottish woolens - saw them
sewing - went thru Glasgow - good
expressway - saw the airport and
Hotel Excelsior again. In P.M.
made a "stupid" stop at Gretna
Green when couples used to be
married by the blacksmith
no waiting period - new law passed
in 1940 - now have to be 21 day
residents - crossed border to
England - nice little villages -
fences made of piled up stones
went for miles. Arrived at our
hotel on Windermere lake -

Glendon paid for any before (NB)
dinner drinks in the bar -
walked down town in the even-
ing - and I do mean down
Remind one of San Francisco -
- Tomorrow our last day -

Thurs. June 28 - Windermere
Sat. Victoria Station

Today was our least interesting
day - Windermere Lake was quite
pretty when we left - even had
sunshine - pretty country side
cows, sheep - and miles and miles
of stone fences - Clouded up.

Later - but it never did rain -

Drove thru Pottery Country
Royal Dalton Spode etc. Passed
by Birmingham, Coventry - had
lunch in Litchfield. In the
P.M. went mainly on the Motor

way - Jimmy had to watch
traffic - everyone rather
subdued - The Yuills left us
at morning coffee stop - going
to visit Margarets relatives.

She was born in England

And so ends a delightful
trip - Christine + Faye meeting
tomorrow to go to Petticoat Lane

And so ends a most
delightful trip!

Sun. June 29 London to Detroit

Got up about 7:30 - Our room
OK - no way worth \$85! Had
continental breakfast and used
up the last of our British
money - Heathrow is some-
thing else! Much more
congested than Metro -

Pan Am 101 - a 747 - seems
just about filled - Went
to Kennedy! Didn't ex-
pect that - What a mess
getting luggage and then
going thru Customs
(nice man at customs
didn't have to open bags)
Finally left N.Y. on a
different plane (747?) new
was on its first passenger
run - very nice - Helen
& Marge met us - Had a
long wait for luggage -
Went to Bill Knapp's on our
way home - Got in the
house about 9 ("body" time
it was 2 o'clock) Went
to bed about 10:30 -
Didn't sleep too well -
Will be O.K. after 1 more night

Christine McEwan
to Mr & Mrs. Colbert
116 Cullen St.
Maianbar 2230
Sydney, Australia
N.S.W.

Laverne & Ethel Taylor
194 Wood St. E.
Hamilton
Ontario, Canada
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9/15/22

Catherine + Ian
daughter of ~~Shirley~~
Sheela

Archy Mac Donald
B. 1808 - died 1851 or 52

Source - Baptismal Record
Church of Scotland - Benbecula
^{Half}
Brothers and sister of
Donald Mac Donald

Archy Mac Donald
Baptised - Apr. ~~4~~³ - 1849 son of
Archy Mac Donald (Post)
and Jane Mac Rury Mac Donald
Residence - Aird Benbecula

John Mac Donald
Baptised - June 1st 1851 - son of
Archy Mac Donald (Post) and
Jane Mac Rury - Residence Aird
Benbecula

Anne Mac Donald -
Baptised Oct. 8th 1852 - son of
Archy Mac Donald (late Post) and
Jane Mac Rury - Residence Aird
Benbecula

Baptized by
Rev. Hugh Mac Donald
in Benbecula

Gayette Smith
4/29 The Common
Beaumont 5066
South Australia

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Jean Cockrane
Geelong Victoria
Australia

Baptized by

Jane MacKus
~~John~~ Archie Macdonald

Archie Macdonald
Great Grand father
married Jane MacKus
his son Donald Macdonald
four grandfathers

Mrs. Donald Mac Donald
13 Aird - Balivanich
Benbecula
Western Isles
Scotland

Mrs. Jean Mac Lullich
7 Aird - Balivanich
Benbecula
Western Isles
Scotland

"May the road rise with
~~you~~ to meet you
And the wind be always
at your back

May the rains fall soft
upon you

And ~~may~~ the good
Lord always keep you
in the hollow of
his hand."

9.95 - hats

2.24 Sewing kits

2.24 straps

10/4.43 pence

Sheila MacDonald

13 AIRD

BENBECULA

Brother

PETER & NANCY GIBSON

18541 SHADYSIDE

LIVONIA

MICH. U.S.A.

MRS C. MONK

1. KACHJAR. BALIVANICH

ISLE OF BENBECULA

WESTERN ISLES

76
 2 1/3

 25
 152

 177

42
 2 1/3

 19
 84

 103

Thurs 1829
 Fri 1808
 Sat 21
 Sun

1852
 44

 1808

Mrs. Monk
 Harriet

10

~~Leaves~~

8 1/2
 1901

2 1/3

~~John~~

87

 1824

3

Jo

22

~~Mary E~~

1911 1824

25

~~Matthew~~

87

 1911

1824

~~Cather~~

1808

~~Rod H~~

16

~~Nadge~~