

**ELIZABETH GRESSON**

**Statement for AWLA Cultural Diversity event 9 September 2023**

I grew up wearing a McDonald Tartan kilt and hearing the poetry of Robbie Burns – “My heart’s in the highlands a-chasing the deer”.

It was my daughter Virginia’s suggestion to wear the McDonald Tartan to celebrate our Scottish cultural heritage today.

So we ordered our fine wool Tartan sashes and jewellery from Scotland especially for this celebration!

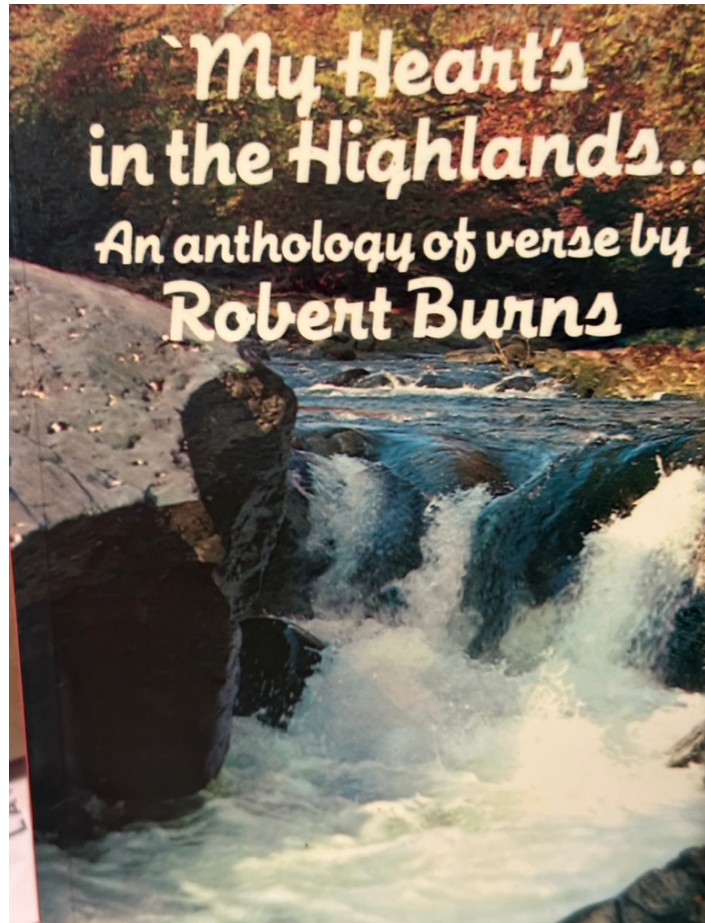
Virginia is wearing McDonald of the Isles Hunting Tartan and I am wearing McDonald of Clanranald, Lord of the Isles in honour of my grandmother, Virginia’s great-grandmother, Joanna Ross McDonald, and Joanna’s parents, my great-grandparents Hugh and Johanna Ross McDonald (née Duff). Our McDonald – Ross – Duff families lived in the Highlands of Scotland, specifically in the Royal Borough of Tain, Ross and Cromarty. That’s what I grew up with through my father Hugh.

We are proud to celebrate our Scottish cultural heritage today.

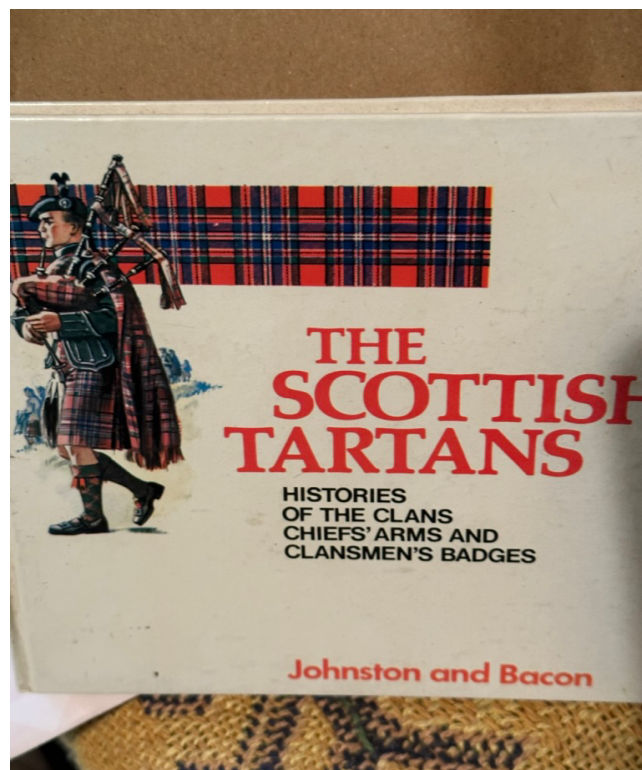


*Grandmother Joanna Ross McDonald*

*Scotland*



*Childhood memories of Robbie Burns and Scottish Tartans*







*MacDonald Clan Crests*

