

From Savage Beast to Exalted Warrior: the Romanticization of the Highland Warrior in British Literature and Culture

2020 GRACA Grant Proposal

Project Description

The purpose of this project is to write a researched academic manuscript chapter exploring the romanticization of the Scottish Highland Warrior figure in British literature and culture. I intend to spend multiple weeks examining pamphlets, letters, military dispatches, official court and legislative documents, charitable treatises, and other primary materials at the National Library of Scotland to provide cultural and historical context that will enable me to draft one chapter of my Master's thesis.

In the Spring of 2019, I wrote a research paper that examined some of the work of Susan Edmonstone Ferrier, a Scottish Romantic novelist. In her 1831 novel *Destiny, or the Chieftain's Daughter*, Ferrier described Scottish Highlanders at length, often characterizing them as indolent, arrogant, and even savage. My paper examined this savage Highlander trope and the parallels that could be drawn between the "savageness" of the Highlander and the Native Americans. I discovered throughout the course of my research that very little research has been conducted that examines these parallels and the larger romanticization of the Highlander figure in British literature. I hope to contribute meaningful research toward this topic, and this grant will help me do that.

Scottish Literature as a national tradition has emerged in the last five decades as a distinct tradition of literature, with its own historical context, language use, and political, theoretical, and cultural underpinnings. Often subsumed under the more broad category of "British Literature," the study of Scottish writers and their literary inventions has often been overlooked as a unique discipline within the tradition. As interest in uniquely Scottish literature has grown, so has the need for continued scholarship. My research will serve as another contribution to this growing field as it continues to distinguish itself from its English neighbor. I hope to join the ranks of such noted scholars as Silke Strohe, T.M. Devine, and others who have contributed mightily to this discipline in the last 40 years.

The National Library of Scotland and other historical societies in Scotland are sources of invaluable information for my research. The National Library carries over 40 million primary source materials, many of which are not available digitally. Of those available digitally, I am unable to access them as I do not have a UK address. While I can search through the library's online catalog, I cannot pull up any digital items without first updating my address to a current UK residence. In order for me to access either the print or digital materials (many of which have no copy), I must be present in the UK to view them (the address of my hostel is a suitable substitute for a permanent residence).

In May 2019, I traveled to Scotland for 10 days to undertake preliminary searches of the primary source material that might be beneficial to my research. This month-long trip to Scotland in July of 2020 will give me the time I need to conduct the bulk of my research that is necessary for me to complete my master's thesis. Building on the list of items that I found during my short stay in 2019, I have included a

document with this proposal that gives an idea of the sort of materials I plan to examine. This document will change as my focus narrows throughout the course of my research, but it is a stable place to begin.

Upon the completion of my Master's work at UNO, I intend to continue on to a PhD program in Scotland, where I will continue my academic research in Scottish Literature. I'm particularly interested in the Scottish National tale, a unique literary invention that enjoyed great success in the late Romantic era (Sir Walter Scott is a noted contributor). I also want to expand my breadth of knowledge to Scottish Gaelic-language literature, which is a sub-discipline that is as rich as its English-language counterpart. I have already begun learning Gaelic - both as an academic skill and a way to connect to my own Gaelic-speaking ancestors. It is my hope that I will be able to contribute important scholarship to the examination of Scottish Literature as a national tradition and come to a better understanding of my own cultural legacy as a Scottish-American scholar. In many ways, this grant is the beginning of what I hope will be a lifetime of academic work in this field.

Activities and Process

If awarded this grant, I will be able to fund my travel to Scotland in July of this year and stay for a month to conduct my research. The first few months of 2020 will be spent finalizing the list of items that I intend to examine, putting together the pull requests for those items, and preparing for my travel to Scotland. I have already taken the time to book a hostel for the duration of my stay to be paid for upon my arrival in July (included in the budget justification).

Upon my arrival in Edinburgh, I will submit the pull requests of the items (6 at a time) and begin the process of going through them. I am attempting to gather crucial historical and cultural context that will supplement my examination of the Highland warrior trope in British Literature of Empire for my Master's thesis (to be completed in the Fall of 2020). Among the materials that I will examine are military dispatches from the Highlands in the later half of the 1700s, charitable treatises and other pamphlets that discuss the growing economic hardship among Highland families in the early 19th century, and the effect that changing economic and political conditions had on the Highland population in the decades following the Jacobite Rising of 1745.

Product

Upon my return from Scotland, I will use the collected research to prepare a draft of a chapter of my Master's thesis that will offer necessary context for my examination of two British novels that include this Highland military trope. It is my belief that following the romanticization of this particular cultural figure, its inclusion in literature at the height of the British Empire was an indicator of its position as a specific signifier of the success of a colonizing endeavor.

Upon its completion, I intend to submit this chapter and other portions of my Master's thesis to various academic journals that are prominent in the field, including *Scottish Literary Review* and *Studies in Scottish Literature*. I plan to submit my completed thesis at the end of 2020 and I need this grant to help me complete crucial research that would allow me to successfully complete this project within my proposed timeline.

Project Timeline

Jan-July 2020	Preparation for research trip - including the completion of proposed bibliography of primary sources that I plan to investigate.
July 2020	Conduct research at the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh, Sir Duncan Rice Library at the University of Aberdeen in Aberdeen, Scotland, and the Historical Societies of Inverness, Aberdeen, Glasgow, and Edinburgh.
August 2020	Return from Scotland, organize collected archival material and notes and begin the drafting process.
Aug - Dec 2020	Complete the final draft of the chapter and begin the editing process
Dec 2020	Submit master's thesis.
March 2021	Present conference presentation on my research (and resulting manuscript chapter) at the UNO Student Research and Creative Activity Fair.

Student/Faculty Mentor Roles

I am an MA candidate studying late Romantic and Victorian-era British Literature at the English Department at UNO. I will be undertaking all of the work of researching and collating data and other items, drafting my manuscript chapter, and presenting a conference paper outlining my research in the Spring of 2021.

Dr. Lisabeth Buchelt of the UNO English Department will act as faculty mentor for this research. She will be a point of contact while I am overseas and provide critical insight into Irish/Scottish/Celtic studies, as well as offer advice and support as I work through the list of archival materials.

Previous Funding

This project has not been funded previously, and will be a completely new project.

Budget Justification

Type of Expense	Estimated Cost (GBP - £)	Estimated Cost (USD - \$)
Lodging at the Cowgate Hostel, Edinburgh, Scotland (already booked, reservation is attached)	£442.40	\$ 578.22
Roundtrip Flight: Omaha, NE to Edinburgh, Scotland		\$1,700
Travel (Train) - 50-trip ScotRail Flexipass	£310.00	\$405

Daily Stipend (Food)	30 days x £20 per day = £600	\$800
Monthly Stipend (25 hrs/week x 4 weeks)		\$900
Copies, Scans, Etc., (NLS Copy Fee Schedule attached)	£470	\$615
TOTAL		\$5,000¹

References and Working Bibliography

I have attached a spreadsheet of catalog items that I intend to examine while conducting my research at the National Library of Scotland in July 2020. The information in this spreadsheet is subject to change based upon the needs of my research. Also attached are fee schedules and reservation receipts for your reference.

Of the thirty-three (33) items on the following table, five (5) items are digitally available. Those digitized items are not accessible without an updated UK address, and therefore cannot be viewed unless I am in the UK. As a Humanities scholar, it is imperative that I be able to access these (and the other archival items) in order to complete my research.

Working Bibliography

Name	Title of Work	Date	Digital?	Location
A Highlander	The Present Conduct of the Chieftains and Proprietors of Lands in the Highlands of Scotland. Towards their Clans and People, considered impartially. 2nd Ed.	1773	YES	18 Pages - Vol of Pamphlets (Thom's Pamphlets) -SRCC/NLS - RB.s.1193(11) - B000281936
Almon, John	A letter to the right honourable Charles Jenkinson, Esq. Secretary at War; : animadverting on the late mutinies in the Highland regiments...	1779	NO	Correspondence - 1 page - GRR/NLS - Mf.SP.7(9)
Anonymous	A Candid Enquiry into the Causes of the Late and the Intended Migrations From Scotland. In a Letter to JR, Esq.	1770s?	YES	65 Pages - Vol of Pamphlets (Thom's Pamphlets) -SRCC/NLS - RB.s.1193(11) - B000281936
Anonymous	Anonymous journal of a 'Tour in Scotland August 1794"	1794	NO	86 Folios - MS.29491

¹ Costs estimated from UNO Travel and Transport and ScotRail travel projections. Costs are variable given dates and availability.

Blackwood, William	Copy of letter to John Ferrier concerning the novels of Susan Ferrier	1831	NO	Folio - MS.30004
Botfield, Beriah (published Anonymously)	Journal of a tour through the Highlands of Scotland during the summer of MDCCCXXIX	1830	NO	Book - 376 pages - SRCC/NLS - ABS.1.203.056 - B900031712
Burt, Edward & Robert Fellowes	Letters from a gentleman in the north of Scotland to his friend in London; : containing the description of a capital town in that northern country; with an account of many uncommon customs of the inhabitants: likewise an account of the Highlands, with the customs and manners of the Highlanders. To which is added, a letter relating to the military ways among the mountains, began in the year 1726...	1759	NO	Book - 368 pages with illustrations, maps - 2 volumes - SCRR/NLS - ABS.2.204.013 - B900034098
Campbell, John	A full and particular description of the highlands of Scotland, its situation and produce, the manners and customs of the natives through the various periods of life, from their births to their graves; : to which is annex'd, a scheme, which, if executed in bringing in the most disaffected amongst them, and those of England and Ireland, and render them, in all time coming zealously affected to his reigning Majesty, and his discendants to latest posterity; and which will entirely extirpate all those evils which have so long prevailed in these kingdoms...	1752	NO	Book - 45 pages - SCRR/NLS - RB.s.2905(1)
Captain Evan MacPherson	Memorandum probably by Captain Evan MacPherson entitled "Private hints submitted to Mr. Dundas respecting the clan levy', concerning the recruitment of Highlanders for military service in Ireland	2 May 1797	NO	EADID: MS.14838, folio 182
Central Board of Management of the Fund Raised for the Relief of the Destitute Inhabitants of the Highlands and the Islands of Scotland	Memorandum regarding the mode of relieving destitution by co-operative arrangements with proprietors of estates upon which there is a destitute population.	Approx. 1848	NO	Book - 12 pages - SCRR/NLS - ABS.3.203.917(9)
Earl of Selkirk	Observations on the Present State of the Highlanders of Scotland With a View of the Causes and Probable Consequences of Emigration	1805	NO	Book - SCRR/NLS - [AB].4/3.8 - B000033740

Elliot, Thomas Frederick	Emigration (Scotland). Report on the applicability of emigration to relief of distress in the Highlands.	1841	YES	229 pages - Online Scan - Access Denied due to location
Ferrier, Susan	Three letters of Susan Ferrier	circa 1840	NO	1 envelope - EADID: ACC.10759
Ferrier, Susan	Letter of Susan Ferrier probably to John Wilson	1810-1850	NO	1 Envelope - Unit ID: Acc.11030
Great Britain. Army. Regiment of the Foot, 42nd.	Historical record of the Forty-second, or, the Royal Highland Regiment of Foot : containing an account of the formation of six companies of Highlands in 1729, which were termed "The Black Watch" and were regimented in 1739, and of the subsequent services of the regiment to 1844.	1845	NO	3 leaves of plates - GRR/NLS - HB4.213.6.137L
Hanway, Mary Ann.	A journey to the Highlands of Scotland. : With occasional remarks on Dr. Johnson's tour	1775	NO	Book - Compilation of various letters - SCRR/NLS - Nha.V93 - B900054683
Krikwood, James	A memorial, concerning the disorders of the Highlands. : Especially the northern parts thereof, and the isles of Scotland. With an account of some means, by which the same may be redressed and prevented, and how religion and vertue may be promoted in these parts.	1703	NO	MICROFILM - Pamphlet - 9 Pages - GRR/NLS - Mf.SP.184(24)
Lempriere, C.	A description of the Highlands of Scotland, the situation of the severel clans and the number of men able to bear arms, as also ye forts lately erected and roads of communication of military ways carried on by His Majesty's command...	approx. 1731	NO	Map - 1300 x 932mm. - Maps RR/NLS - Acc.11104.Map Rol.a.42.
Lockhart, J.G.	Nineteenth century literary manuscripts Part 4, The correspondence and papers of John Gibson Lockhart (1794-1854), editor of The quarterly review, from the National Library of Scotland.	1794-1854	NO	18 microfilm reels ; 35 mm. in box 10 x 10 x 5 cm. - GRR/NLS - Mf.1071 - 9934481143804341
Macculloch, John	The Highlands and Western Isles of Scotland, containing descriptions of their scenery and antiquities, with an account of the political history...: present condition of the people, &c ... founded on a series of annual journals between the years 1811 and 1821 ... in letters to Sir Walter Scott, bart.	1824	YES	MMSID: 9922169693804341
Macgregor, Alexander	On the causes of the destitution of food in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland in the years 1836, 1837	1840	NO	21 pages - SCRR/NLS - APS.1.78.33 - B000143544

Macleod, Norman	Destitution in the highlands and islands of Scotland : speech of the Very Rev. Norman M'leod, D.D., moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, at the public meeting held at the Mansion House, on Saturday the 11th March, 1837 : in behalf of the destitute inhabitants in the highlands and islands of Scotland.	1837	NO	Speech - 8 pages - GRR/NLS - PB9.214.17/17L -MMSID : 9951741683804341
Parliament of Great Britain	An Act for more effectual disarming the highlands in that part of Great Britain called Scotland; : and for the better securing the peace and quiet of that part of the kingdom.	1725	NO	Folio - 460 pages - SCRR/NLS - Blk.8(11)
Printed for M. Cooper	Seasonable considerations on the present war in Scotland, against the rebels: : in which the situation of the Highlands are truly describ'd; the force of their inhabitants fairly computed; and the advantages of the King's troops, in point of discipline and manner of fighting, fully demonstrated. In a letter to a person of distinction...	1746	NO	Folio - 7 pages - SCRR/NLS - 6.314(53)
Scot, Thomas Goldie	Typescript copies of correspondence between Thomas Goldie Scot, Surgeon-Major, Cameron Highlanders, in India...	1842-1859	NO	1 Folder - EADID: Acc.9266
Scott, Walter	Manners, customs, and history of the Highalnds of Scotland ; Historical account of the Clan MacGregor	1893	NO	Book - 227 pages - GRR/NLS - NE.23.g.14
Spense, Elizabeth Isabella	Letters from the North Highlands in the Summer of 1816	1817	NO	Correspondence - SCRR/NLS - JRM.458
Stewart, David	Sketches of the character, manners, and present state of the Highlanders of Scotland: with details of the military service of the Highalnd regiments. [with a map.]	1825	NO	Book - 2 volumes - SCRR/NLS - R.237.i
Various Authors	Small collections and single letters of various correspondents.	19th cen.	NO	278 Folios - MS.5509
Various Authors	Papers concerning lead mining in Scotland in the late 16th century, and political papers of the 17th century.	1584-1686	NO	248 Folios - EADID: Adv.MS.29.2.9
Wade, George	General Wade's Report to his Majesty Concerning the Highlands of Scotland	1724	NO	Manuscript - 29 Leaves -SCRR/NLS - Blk.387 - B900073832
Walker, George	Highland soldier	1850	YES	Broadside, available electronically.

	First Statement as to the Destitution of the Highlands	1846	NO	Book - SCRR/NLS - ABS.3.203.017[5] - B900374716
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NIGHTS

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\$460
\$92

Price

(for 1 guest)

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22 January 2020

To the GRACA Awards Committee:

I write in support of Melanie Buer's application for a GRACA Award to travel to Scotland in summer 2020. I know Melanie as a student and as an advisee, and she is without question one of the finest students with whom I have ever had the pleasure to work. It is my great privilege to be working with such a bright young scholar who is on her way to making many important contributions to the field of Scottish Studies.

Melanie's thesis builds on previous scholars' work on the trope of the Highland Warrior, while simultaneously breaking new ground by examining the trope in lesser-known and neglected Scottish writers. As such, Melanie's work has the potential to make a major scholarly contribution to this field. It is part of the disciplinary expectation when working in cultural studies areas that the scholar contextualize the literature under consideration within broader frames of intellectual history, aesthetic movements, or cultural constructions of race, gender or ethnicity, and Melanie is well-versed in this methodological expectation of her field of study as well as well-practiced in the successful execution of the gathering, analysis, and synthesis of a diverse set of materials.

It is unusual for a young scholar to recognize that the type of archival research necessary to produce this kind of thesis is actually a two-part process: 1) that of assessing what materials are available in an archive and which of those will be useful to the researcher's project; and, 2) actually utilizing the pertinent materials. Melanie's short, self-funded research trip in May 2019, during which she assessed what pertinent primary documents are available and built the list and bibliography attached to this application has set her up perfectly to conduct her research efficiently in her proposed time frame of one month. In terms of her proposed budget, Melanie has calculated as well as she can, given currency fluctuations, the total cost for this research trip. As her faculty mentor, my role is to simply to help Melanie to think through her own ideas, to provide suggestions for resources, to provide a letter of introduction for the necessary archives, or perhaps to recommend scholars who might be helpful. This is very much Melanie's research project as I am not a co-contributor in any way.

I cannot stress enough to the committee the imperative nature of Melanie's research trip to Scotland, as the materials to be viewed are absolutely necessary to the completion of her thesis, and given the geographic restrictions the National Library has put on the materials she literally cannot conduct the research without being in Edinburgh.

Sincerely,
Dr. Lisabeth C. Buchelt
Associate Professor, Department of English
Medieval and 19th Century British and Irish Studies