

**Edward A Young III
Clan Young Convener
President Emeritus**



Courtesy of Linda Young-Sheiko

The history of Clan Young can be traced back to 1672 in Scotland with a large concentration in the Bowmont Valley. This is the only place where the Youngs were gathered in sufficient numbers to be considered a clan. When King James came down hard on the lawless Borderers, many of the clans were scattered. The once common name of Young on the Borders slowly began to decline. It is not surprising then that Clan Young was shown as a dormant clan in the April 1987 issue of the "Highlander" magazine. This mention prompted Edward A. Young III of Orlando, Florida to seek permission to re-convene the clan. Ed set about making the necessary contact with the Lord Lyon. On January 9, 1988 Clan Young was re-convened and able to display the arms and crest of Peter Young of Auldbar. In May 1989 permission was granted for Clan Young to have a Crest Badge. This was the Crest of Young of Auldbar within a strap and buckle, with the motto "Robore Prudentia Praestat". Clan Young was now an organized Clan electing its first officers in 1989.



As with many clans and families in Scotland, Clan Young needed a distinctive tartan to identify with. The only surviving tartan for Clan Young was the Christina Young Arasaid Plaid. A piece of this tartan with the initials CY and the date 1726 on it is the largest piece of tartan to survive the banning of tartans in Scotland. The Scottish Tartan Society now owns this valuable piece of clan history. The Arasaid, with a white or tan background, was unsuitable for use as clothing. To create the Young Modern Tartan, a general blue and green background was used as a base and the multi-colored strip from the Christina Young Tartan was added to it. On January 1, 1992 the Scottish Tartans Society granted a Certificate of Accreditation for the new Young tartan. The Weathered Young Tartan pattern remains the same as the Modern. It is only the shade of thread used that belongs to a different scheme. Ancient colors are an attempt to approximate the vegetable dyes that were originally used to make tartan cloth.

Clan Young began as 5 members in 1987. Today there are more than 300 members in the United States. Independent branches of Clan Young now include members in Scotland, Canada, Australia, UK and New Zealand. Clan Young is a charitable and social organization dedicated to promoting and increasing kinship and good fellowship among the descendants of ancestral Youngs of Scotland. The Clan Genealogist has helped many Youngs trace their Scottish roots through research and the Y-DNA study.

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