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Come celebrate the 2011 Glasgow Highland Games *Banner* Year!

In 2011, the Glasgow (KY) Highland Games will be host to the first ever *Heraldic Banner Parade - The Glasgow Highland Games Special Armigerous Procession*, with much pomp and circumstance.

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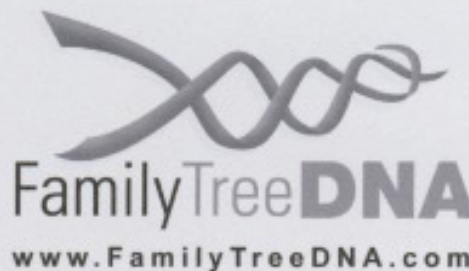
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Free genealogical seminars in Fort Myers, Florida til April 2011

The programs listed below will take place between December 2010 through April of 2011.

All programs have now been added to the library adult program website. Patrons may now register in 3 ways:

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DNA: Impact and Implications for Genealogical Research Speakers: Dr. John LaCoste, Professional Genealogist, Research Fellow-New York Genealogical & Biographical Record; Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library, *Saturday, December 11, 2010*. Time: 9:30am-4:30pm Seminar will cover the following topics:

1. Why DNA is important to Genealogy?
2. DNA Testing Process: Which Test Is Right For You?
3. Interpreting Results
4. DNA Testing Companies

How's and Why's of Organizing Your Genealogical Research Speaker: Carolyn Ford-Lee County Genealogical Society *Monday, January 3,*

2011. Time: 9:30am-12:30pm

The key to successful research is keeping track of your information.

Genealogists who master the art of successful organization can avoid duplication of efforts, and locate information in a timely manner.

This seminar will focus on the techniques necessary to help researchers organize their research in an orderly fashion.

February Beginners Series Speaker: Gina Hamister, Genealogist, Western Reserve Historical Society Library, Cleveland, Ohio *Saturday, January 29, February 5, February 12, February 26* Time 10:00am-12:30pm

Session One: Using Home Sources & Organizing Your Research

Session Two: Finding Your Family in The United

States Census

Session Three: Using Court House Resources and Vital Records

Session Four: Using Alternative or Hidden Resources For Locating Ancestors

Beginners Genealogy Seminar This one day seminar will introduce the concepts of genealogical research in a concise manner. Attendees will have the opportunity to begin the process of filling out forms, charts, and how to compile family information.

We will also discuss the process of learning historical details about the lives of our ancestors.

Knowing the historical context often plays a key role in understanding why certain life decisions were

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Free Genealogical Seminars,

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made. While the research will involve compiling lists of people, places, and dates, the total experience of learning about their daily lives can help broaden our knowledge about our ancestors. Attendees will have the opportunity to fill out basic research forms such as Family Group Sheets and Pedigree Charts. We will discuss the 10 main steps involved in successful research. Participants are encouraged to bring information already collected about their family history. **Saturday, March 26, 2010**

Session One: 9:30-10:45am

Session Two: 11:00am-12:30pm Speakers: Carolyn Ford, Lee County Genealogical Society, Bryan Mulcahy, Fort Myers-Lee County Library

German Genealogical Research Speaker: Joanne Ryder, President, Southwest Florida Germanic Genealogy Society **Saturday, April 2, 2011** Time: 9:30am-12:30pm

Session One 9:30am-11:00am: Finding Your German Ancestors. What facts must I know to “cross the pond”. This lecture will focus on sources and techniques to overcome this challenge.

Session Two 11:15am-12:30pm: Migrations of the German Speaking Peoples. This lecture describes the migration patterns of Germans outside of Europe. There will be emphasis on German immigration to the United States and the concentrations of Germanic settlements there.

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Rob & Elizabeth Piland write: On December 3-5, we are heading back to the McLean Holiday Crafts Show for the 3rd year. This show is conveniently located and only costs \$2 to get in (click here to print out an ad to get \$1 off). It features a wide selection of crafts and gifts; from ornaments to gourmet treats and toys to jewelry! And If you are near the Northern VA area please consider stopping by the 3rd annual Solstice Craft Extravaganza on December 11th at Swift Run Lodge in Fairfax Station, VA. This show is held at a personal residence and has all the charm of a holiday family party. There will be live music, fabulous food and an opportunity to purchase truly unique gifts from local artists which include: ornaments, musical instruments, pottery and, of course, your favorite Celtic Jewelry!



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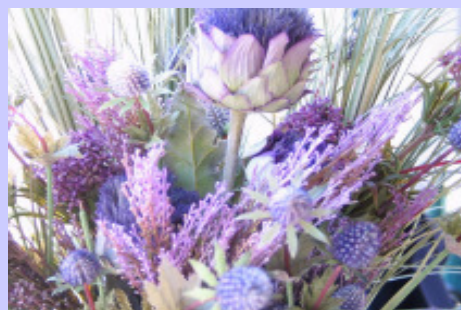
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Wallace Letter ‘Not a copy’

With thanks to [David P Elliot](#)

Regular readers will know that we have been supporting a campaign to get a document of great historical significance returned to Scotland for display to the public, rather than locked in a drawer in the English Archives in Kew.

You can read more about this document [here](#) and [here](#)

I am grateful for this additional information from Facebook friend Alan Reid who is behind a campaign on the social networking site, seeking to get the ‘Wallace Safe Conduct’ letter returned to Scotland where it belongs.

This additional information removes one of the excuses for the document not being returned.

“The campaign to get the ‘safe conduct’ letter (taken from Wallace at his capture in 1305) returned



to Scotland has been long and frustrating. However there has now been a very significant breakthrough. A group of experts from Scotland, England and France met on 5th August and agreed that the document is NOT an English copy but a French original. This directly contradicts the position previously taken by National Archives in London that the letter is an English copy and should remain in their ownership. Hopefully this is the first step towards recovering this important part of Scottish history.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the campaign. Don’t forget to keep on encouraging your friends to join this group and help keep the momentum going

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The Official Clan Macfie Facebook page is up!

Glen Cathey has recently put up
The Official Clan Macfie Facebook page
and it is ready for you to join and participate.

You can see some Youtube of the Clan Parliament at Nethybridge. This is the link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Official-Clan-Macfie-Page/177565770680>

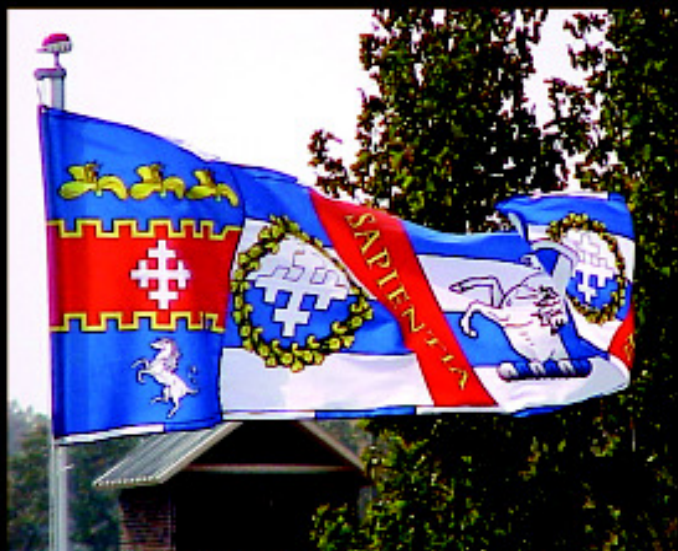
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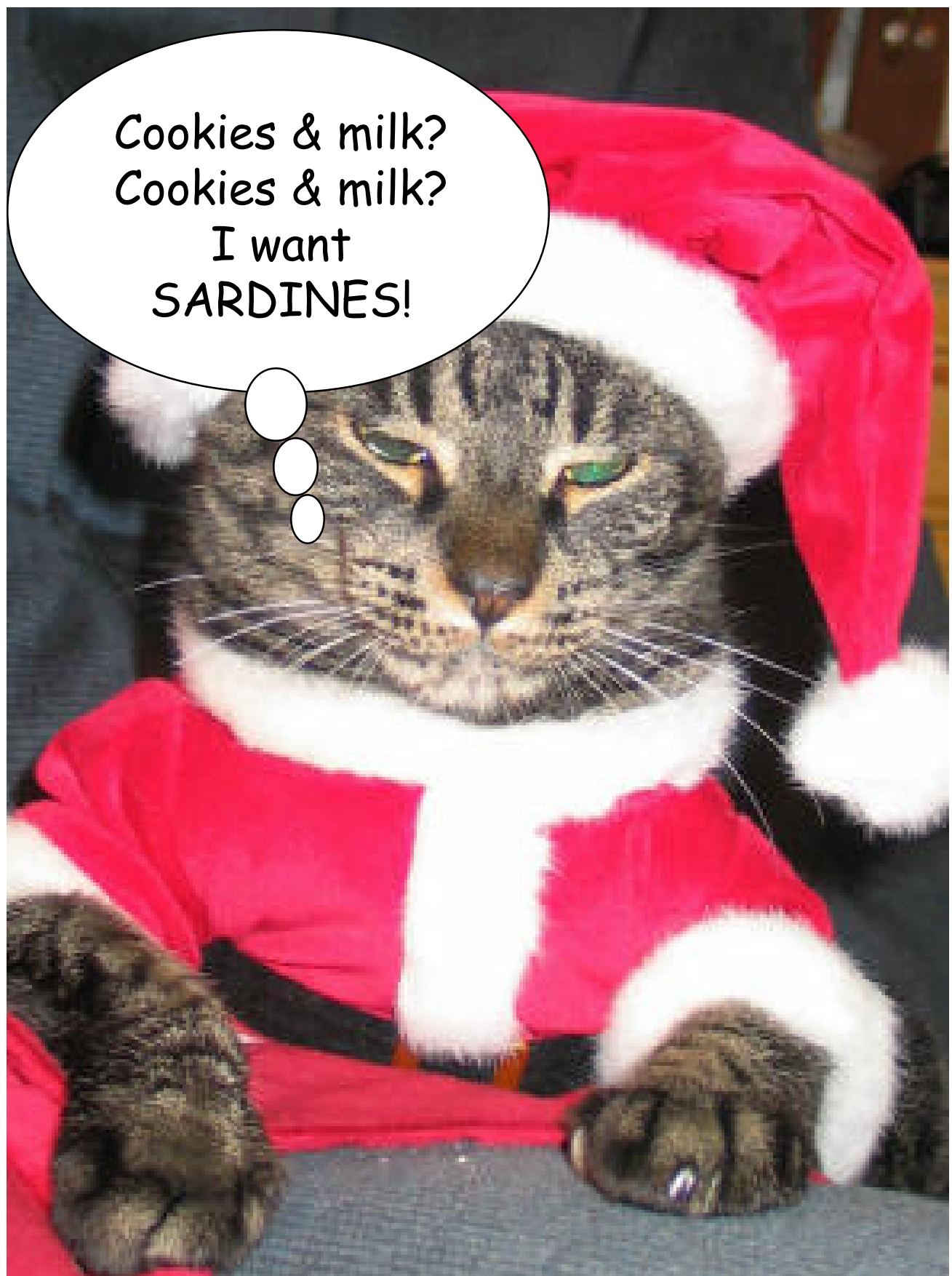
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The trail can be followed by car, public transportation, bicycle, or for that truly medieval experience - on foot.

With thanks to *Six Nations, One Soul*, The Newsletter of the Celtic League American Branch. For membership information, contact SPDeVillo@earthlink.net

Wallace letter, continued from page 7 towards success."

Those of you who are interested in Scottish Heritage but have not yet joined Alan's campaign on acebook, I would urge you to do so.

Let's help get this important document out of Kew and back in Scotland on display where it belongs



The Shield of Thomas Randolph as Earl of Moray

Captured at Methven in the debacle that all but ended the reign of Robert the Bruce, the king's nephew Thomas Randolph was forced by his captors to track his king and the Army of Bruce. His heart still yearned for Scotland to be free, and at Loudoun Plain, he calmly turned his back to the English and rode across the battlefield to rejoin the Scots and stand against Edward's army. Find out more about the epic story at....

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Wanna castle? Torosay Castle is for sale...

Torosay Castle, a spectacular 150-year old Scottish Baronial castle on the Isle of Mull is for sale. It was the home of Arbuthnot Charles Guthrie (1825-1897) and later the home of Walter Murray Guthrie, who married Olive Leslie, the youngest daughter of Sir John and Lady Constance Leslie, 1st. Baronet of Glaslough, Castle Leslie, County Monaghan, Ireland. (The Leslies of Glaslough are an offshoot of the Balquhain Leslies.) This home has on display a magnificent portrait of Lady Constance Leslie as well as some sculptures done by Lionel Alistair David Leslie. Lionel Leslie (1900-1987), a Captain in the Cameron Highlanders, lived just south of Torosay at Grasspoint. He was the 4th son of Sir John Leslie, 2nd. Baronet, Glaslough.

The current owners, Christopher Guthrie James and his wife, Sarah, are selling Torosay so they can move closer to their children in Edinburgh. The property is expected to bring at least 2.8 million pounds (about \$4.2 million U.S.). Of the castle's 11,000 acres, more than 10,000 acres will be sold separately, leaving 865 acres of land with the house. Mr. James hopes that the house reverts to being a family home and not an attraction for tourists.

With thanks to David Leslie White clanleslie@earthlink.net and to

With many thanks for the above article to the Online Clan Leslie Society International Newsletter, *Grip Fast*. Contact Clan Leslie for more information on the article or for membership information at williamlesle@sympatico.ca.

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Lossiemouth Project beginning on <http://www.electricscotland.com>

Alastair McIntyre

Some of you may remember that we were hopeful in building a community site for Gairloch and Loch Maree but we didn't even get one contribution from the local community.

We are now trying to do a similar project for the Lossiemouth area of Scotland and this time are more hopeful of making this happen. Our thanks go to David Thomson, who lives in the area, for taking up the challenge of getting the locals involved.

This is an area that includes the RAF base which is being considered for closure and so we hope to learn much more about this area as it goes through some interesting times.

We have our first contribution in from Jim Campbell who for some 50 years was a fishing boat captain. As it happens he has written some poems and also wrote some stories for his grand kids and has shared some of those with us. The stories are in the language of the North East of Scotland.

He is also going to send us some pictures of old fishing boats that plied their trade from Lossiemouth so we're looking forward to receiving them.

We also got a write up in the local newspaper and got sent in a scan of the article so have put it up on the index page of the project.

You can learn about this project at <http://www.electricscotland.com/lossiemouth>



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Eleven days that disappeared

In 1752, everyone in the British Empire (including the colonies that would soon become the United States) went to bed on September 2nd and woke up on September 14th. September 2, 1752 was the day the British government set to change the calendar that had been wrong since the time of Julius Caesar.

In 46 B.C., Caesar's chief astronomer determined that there were exactly 365 1/4 days each year. Caesar then devised a calendar of 12 months totaling 365 days and, to take care of the 1/4 day, he invented the leap year which added an extra day every four years. The problem was that the earth does not take exactly 365.25 days to orbit the sun but rather 365.2422 days. After several centuries, the calendar was seriously out of whack. Pope Gregory XIII devised a correction in 1582 that solved the problem for most Catholic countries, but the British refused to adopt the Gregorian calendar for another 170 years by which time the deviation amounted to 11 days.

Those 11 days vanished when the British Calendar Act decreed that September 2, 1752 would be followed by September 14, 1752. It appears there was rioting in the streets by those who felt they had been cheated of 11 days. But the earth continued orbiting around the sun just the same.

Adapted from an article by William Russell, Ed.D. in the *Sacramento Bee*.



What to do with old calendars?

There seem to be lots of beautiful calendars in our house! A lovely friend always sends me the latest Maine Coon Cat calendars...and another friend sends Scottish calendars...and we found dragon calendars on sale last year...but now the time has passed...and we don't want to just throw them away.

My hundred-year friend, Billy King - friend since 5th grade - sent me the wonderful Celtic Calendar from the Celtic League American Branch in New York. This seems pretty simple except that they stopped doing their calendars several years ago...but 2011 is the same - calendar wise - as 2005. So, Billy copied his own 2005 calendar and sent me the copy!

That's a great idea for lovely calendars...simply save it until the year that this calendar will work comes around again!

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Why some Leslie's have trouble tracing their ancestors...

William (Bill) Leslie, Kaiwaka, New Zealand

People who emigrated to new lands from Scotland in the 1700s and 1800s often left because they were forced to leave.

In particular were those from Ireland where some were treated worse than animals and this included Leslies.

Another group of Leslies that were suffering at this time to whom little attention is paid are the Leslies of Shetland who first arrived in Shetland from Warhill circa 1550 and took up land that had been granted to them by father-in-law Bishop William Gordon, Bishop of Aberdeen.

Soon after, the Leslies were in trouble, since Mary Queen of Scots gave the Shetlands to her illegitimate half brother, Robert Stewart, son of King James 5th.

In June 1575 Earl Robert made three Leslies stand at the gallows with ropes around their necks for several hours. In Court in Shetland in 1577 is another Leslie who was evicted and lost all his animals, land and possessions, whose list of losses

include kegs of honey, soap, lists of clothing, furniture and jewelry.

Things got better for the Shetland Leslies when Lord Lindores, Patrick Leslie married the 16 year old daughter of Earl Robert, and Patrick Leslie visited his cousins on Shetland.

Earl Robert also left his mark in Shet-

land. While he fathered six children by his wife, he also fathered 10 others, some by Shetland and Orkney women. Some of his granddaughters' blood got mixed



into Shetland Leslies.

While we started off as landed Leslies in Shetland the progression of younger sons downwards meant that soon we were crofters and fishermen and as the croft size in Shetland as in Scotland averaged as low as only 8 acres, fishing became the main income since all the better land in Shetland is near the coasts.

As in Scotland crofters never owned

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their own land and could be evicted when unable to pay the rent, even if caused by sickness, ill health or accident.

However, Leslies are survivors and we in Shetland worked hard to pay our rent and bring up families.

Changes started in the 1700s as the English found out how good Shetland men were as sailors, they were needed to fight first, the French and then the Americans in their war for Independence.

It was at this time that it was decided that English should be taught and so schools were started. Shetlanders up until this time spoke Norn, a Scandinavian language.

By 1750 Shetland fishermen would fish up to 40 miles off shore in boats called sixareens (6 oars), sometimes spending days and nights in the boats and often found themselves in constant debt as the land, crofts and houses, shops, boats and even fishing lines belonged to the landlord, and until all debts were paid he owned the fish as well.

The fish could only be sold to him at his prices and he didn't reckon on the price till he had sold the fish.

There was no free market, if you didn't sell to the landlord you were evicted, and if the fishermen were lucky the landlord allowed them to keep the heads to feed their families.

Often with payments being late, fishermen were buying goods on the promise of next year's catch, before the current year's catch was reckoned. The landlords in most cases were wealthy men of Scotland who leased areas from the Crown and so became rich on the hard work of the Shetlanders.

All the dried fish was going to feed the multitudes of people going to the cities during the Industrial Revolution in Scotland and England.

Evictions and later clearances became common as due to a climate change, fish be-

came harder to catch, moving further offshore. My own family was evicted from Fair Isle in 1829.

To add further to the miseries of Shetlanders, during the Napoleonic wars ships scoured the coasts of Shetland and fishermen were taken off the sixareens, to go and fight, with the sixareen being left to drift ashore.

Many families were broken this way, with the head of the family sometimes never being heard of again, and this included Leslie men. With the decline of fishing, landlords found that if sheep replaced people, they could make more money and so from 1860 on, they started to demolish the outlying

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crofts.

Amongst these was a croft named Refuge which housed my great, great grandfather and his family; they were evicted along with others who now have prominent families in New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Canada and U.S.A.

The clearances grew and soon whole villages were destroyed with one Scots landlord destroying the homes of over 200 crofters in a week, and some houses being destroyed while smoke still came out the chimneys.

Because of these clearances many Shetlanders headed for the new world, and while many wanted to go to America, it was fighting its Civil war and so Canada, Australia and New Zealand were chosen.

Many did gravitate to the U.S. after the fighting stopped and I have many blood relatives in Canada and several U.S. States.

Since many, including Leslies were forced to leave due to the heavy handedness of Scottish landlords we find they often left with an intense dislike of the Scots and anything Scottish.

Leslies left bitter and often did not pass on their family backgrounds. They had been hurt, their families broken up and they had no pride in Scotland until much later generations.

As Shetland had been given away as a wedding dowry by Norway in the 1400s Shetlanders had different feelings anyway,

and some never considered they were Scots.

In 1861 on the little Fair Isle 146 people had their lives uprooted when they were resettled in Canada.

Fair Isle was owned by a wealthy Scottish businessman who treated them very well, so many did leave through hope rather than through duress.

A very important part of this story is that Shetland people had to travel to Scotland to go overseas, and many are listed simply as being from Scotland.

My great grandfather arrived with his wife in New Zealand in 1859 he had five sons, thirty five grandchildren and over one hundred

and ten great grandchildren. The family now exceeds six hundred in seven generations.

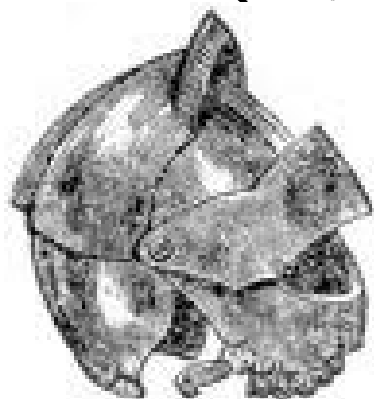
His sister who married a Leslie went to Canada and the same happened. I have many blood relative Leslies in Nova Scotia, Michigan and Maine who don't know I exist, all because their forebears would not talk about the reasons they had to leave and start a new life.

Perhaps this little story will help some of those who want to find their roots but are unable to, hundreds of North American Leslies of Shetland origin.

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Whisky biofuel? It's true...

Scientists in Scotland announced recently that they have figured out a way to produce biofuel from whisky by-products.

Would your automobile smell like whisky driving down the road? It does give a whole new meaning to the phrase, "one for the road" doesn't it. The process turns out to be rather brilliant.

A team of researchers at Edinburgh Napier University's Biofuel Research Center have spent

the last two years experimenting with two by-products of the whisky-making process.

The scientists took the by-products, a liquid from copper stills called "pot ale," and "draff" from spent grains (mash) and turned it into a butanol "superfuel" which has a 30% higher energy content than regular ethanol. The butanol would then be blended with gasoline or diesel, similar the way small amounts of ethanol are blended now, meaning engines would not need any alterations.

The scientists used draff and pot ale from the Glenkinchie Distillery in Est Lothian, Scotland, but they're staying quiet on exactly how they made the product. The potential market for transforming this organic waste into fuel is sizeable. According to the university, the \$6.25 billion whisky industry produces more than 400 million gallons of pot ale and 187,000 tons of draff every year. So far, the scientists have filed a patent on the biofuel and plan to start a company that will develop it commercially.

With thanks to *Celtic Seasons*, the publication of Rich and Rita Shader. If you'd like to receive this most interesting newsletter, send any monetary donation to Rich & Rita Shader, 2593 Chapparral Drive, Melbourne, FL 32934.



Leslies, continued from page 19

In Scotland little mention is made and less notice has been taken about the role played in the spreading of the name by Shetland Leslies which, throughout the world, now accounts for thousands with the name of Leslie.

There are many hundreds of North American Leslies of Shetland origins. In Scotland little mention is made and less notice has been taken about the role played in the spreading of the name by Shetland Leslies.

With many thanks for the preceeding article to the Online Clan Leslie Society International Newsletter, *Grip Fast*. Contact Clan Leslie for more information on the article or for membership information at williamlesle@sympatico.ca.

Taking your camera to a Highland Games?

Why not send your pictures to bethscribble@aol.com and have them published in this magazine with your own photo credit? Just send about 30-40 or more photos on a disc to: Beth Gay-Freeman, 102 Lakeside Dr., Walhalla, SC 29691. Your photos will be featured in the next BNFT - along with your very own photo credit!



*Dear Beth,
My name is Scott
Williamson and I
reside in Stirling,
Scotland.*



*I have recently
started my own company tending
graves for people who are unable
due to various reasons including
those who have emigrated or moved
some distance from the grave of
their loved ones.*

*With Christmas fast approach-
ing I am able to deliver floral trib-
utes or wreaths.*

*Another service I offer is taking photo-
graphs of the resting places of ancestors.*

*You may get in touch with me at:
mail@gravecarescotland.com*

Yours aye, Scott

Determining Immigrant Naturalization Dates Using United States of America Census Records

Bryan L. Mulcahy

When researchers encounter problems tracking ancestors before they came to America, census records offer many possible research clues.

The 1880 census featured questions pertaining to the birthplaces of each person's parents. The 1900 census was the first to indicate how long immigrants had been in the United States and whether they had been naturalized. The 1910 census asked for the year of immigration and citizenship status, as well as the native language spoken (other than English). The 1900 through 1930 census schedules identified citizenship status with the following symbols: "a" for alien; "pa" for individuals who had applied but not completed the naturalization process; "na" for naturalized.

The 1920 and 1930 census asked expanded questions concerning the background of the immigrant, year of immigration, whether naturalized, if so, the year of naturalization, whether the person could speak English, country of birth, native tongue of the individual and for both parents (language other than English).

By 1920, the census also recorded the date of naturalization.

The 1920 census was also influenced by political implications from World War I. Boundary changes resulting from the war led to the directive that census enumerators were instructed to spell out the name of the city, state, province, or region of respondents who declared that they or their parents were originally from Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia, or Turkey.

Some enumerators were more diligent than others in following this directive. If you are unable to find the primary ancestor's country of origin in census records, check for relatives or others with the same

surname.

Besides the federal census, using state, city, township, and school censuses are other possible sources of information. Some of these censuses asked for the names of parents, mother's maiden name, nativity of parents, place of parents' marriage, military service, native tongue (other than English), occupation, and religious background.



The Handybook For Genealogists is an excellent source that includes information on the types of special censuses that were conducted in given states.

Local courthouses and school district administrative offices can inform you of local or school censuses and procedures for access. This source will also give complete listings for all courthouses in the United States.

Patterson's American Education is a good source to find the addresses and contact information for school districts nationwide.

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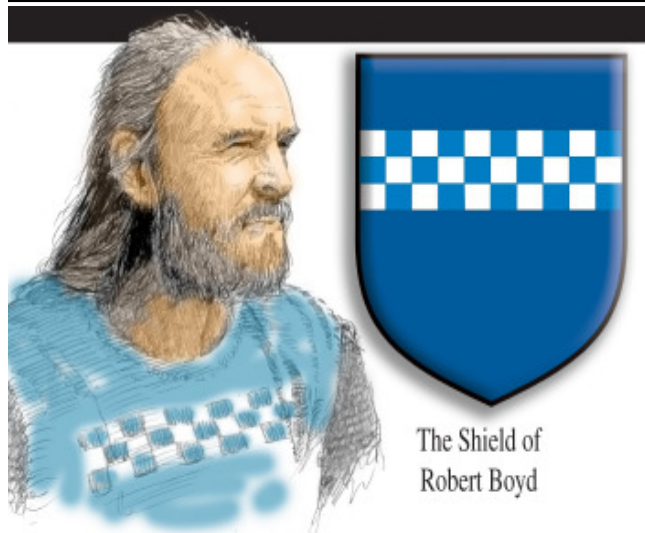
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First graphic novel in Manx ready!

The first graphic novel in Manx has just been translated from the original Irish by Brian Stowell.

Y Chelg, first published as *An Toraiocht* by Colman O'Raghallaigh, tell the tale of Grainne and Diarmid, a classic story



of Celtic Ireland.

The book is available for £12 from the Manx Heritage Foundation. Access them at <http://www.manxheritage.com>

King Elystan Glodrydd?

Not many people remember this very important king of medieval Wales.

The battles he waged back in the so-called “Dark Ages” were instrumental in fixing the Severn River as part of Wales’ eastern border.

He founded Wales’ “fifth royal tribe” dubbed “Rhwng Gwy a Hafren” (between the Rivers Wye and Severn) died in the year 1010 and is believed to buried at the site of Trelystan Church on the border with England.

The site of his last battle, on Long Mountain near Welshpool, curiously became the gathering point in 1484 for Henry Tudor’s successful campaign to overthrow Richard III.

Even if the good King Elystan fell out of the history books, his descendants remember him well, as they had a first-ever reunion at Trelystan Church.

You may read the full story of this interesting historical figure at www.elystan.co.uk

With thanks to Stephen Paul DeVillo, Welsh Chair for the Celtic League. Should you wish to get more information contact Mr. DeVillo, at 313 East 201st St., Bronx, NY 10458. You may also email SPDeVillo@earthlink.net

Historic Graveyards Trust organized in Scotland

The Historic Graveyards Trust has been organized to look after some of Edinburgh’s most historic and sometimes neglected and vandalized churchyards.

The Trust will begin by improving security at five locations: the Old and New Calton Burial Grounds, Cannongate; St. Cuthbert’s and Greyfriars.

The City of Edinburgh recently nominated these five cemeteries for inclusion on the “at risk” list of the World Monuments Fund. The Trust is expected to follow up by creating new historic visitor trails and special events commemorating historic figures.

With many thanks to *Six Nations, One Soul*, the newsletter of the Celtic League, American Branch, 313 East 201st St., Bronx, NY 10458.



Scott Williamson, from Stirling, Scotland, sent along this photo of a gravesite in Scotland he worked on for a client in Canada.

Scott put fresh flowers at the gravesite, cleaned the gravesite, photographed the results of his work and sent the photo to his Canadian client, who was very pleased..

Scott says the idea for his unique business came to him in a dream.

If you have a relative interred in Scotland and can't go tend to it, just contact Scott Williamson at mail@gravecarescotland.com

There is a letter from Scott on page 23 of this section..

Old calendars, *continued from page 15*

I've made envelopes from my calendars for the longest time. You can be fancy and get envelope templates from paper supply places or scrapbooking supply houses...or, simply carefully take an envelope apart, trace it very precisely onto card stock...cut that out...and you have a FREE template.

To use most of the calendar envelopes, you need to use an address label...and, a glue stick to make it stay together...but both



a very easy and simple.

Normally, I use my calendar envelopes for night deposits at the bank...or anything that you need an envelope for that does not have to be mailed...but, you can mail them too.

Some of the larger calendars which are on heavy paper make wonderful file dividers. Just take a manila file folder and trace around the top edge to get the little tab that sticks up. You can move the tab to different places on the file divider...and even though they are just single sheets...they work just fine and are very pretty too.

Other ideas?

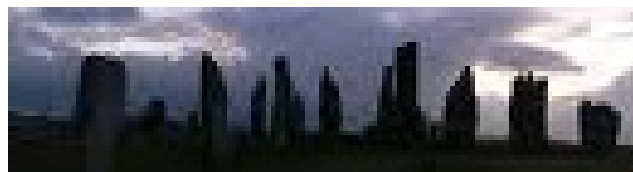
If you have ideas, just email to bethscribble@aol.com and we'll share them here.

The Hill O' Many Stanes in Caithness

What are stanes?

If you guessed stones, you are partially right. Read on and find out. You may be surprised. The Hill O' Many Stanes is to be found at Mid Clyth in Caithness, the most northerly county on mainland Britain. It is one of the most peculiar prehistoric sites in the country. Within the are of about 60 square yard there are 22 parallel rows of over 200 flagstone boulders - all running north to south. None of the stones rise about the height of two feet and there are no clues as to this amazing arrangement.

Legend has it that the site was the scene of a battle between the clans, Keiths and the Gunns. The Gunns were the victors and buried the dead in a row, marking the head of each dead clansman with a stone. So the "the many stanes" are in



fact headstones. This however, seems unlikely, as the stones formation appears to be from the Bronze Age - it is doubtful whether Keiths and Gunns were fighting in the Bronze Age. But feuding Scots can keep a grudge that long! Still, this explanation seems more plausible than UFO landing strip theories.

Britain used to have many more Stone Circle and Henges than are left to us today. Over the years superstition and the practicalities of farming the land have meant than many stone were destroyed, toppled, broken up, or used for building purpose, although perhaps the Orkney farmers have more reason to destroy the stones. You can barely plough a field in Orkney without unearthing a henge, tomb or Neolithic village.

So it was that on Christmas day 1914 Captain W. Mackay, in a fit of pique at the amount of visitors tramping about his field, broke up one of the famous Stones of Stenness - a stone known as Odin's Stone. His wanton vandalism cost him dearly because there were town attempts to burn down his house.

Enraged tourists or angry spirits? Theories abound.

Though many maintain that the Stones of Stenness are giants, turned to stone by the rising sun, whether these giants were prone to arson is a question many have asked. In fact, many folk tales refer to standing stones as petrified giants. Often these tales are on the theme of early Christian saints taming the pagan gods, who they replaced with the "true God." The Stones of Callanish on the Isle of Lewis were apparently created from the old giants who lived on the island - turned to stone by St. Kieran as a punishment for refusing to be Christianized.

Thanks to *The Palmetto & Thistle*, PO Box 3325, Melbourne, FL 32902-3325.

CLAN LESLIE, YOU HAVE DONE IT!

The donations for the Leslie's Cross, the new monument to the Leslies who gave their lives at the Battle of Harlaw on July 24th 1411, have put us over the top. The total funds raised to November 19th amounted to \$12,430 or £7,779. In looking at the two quotes for the stone and inscription, the lower quote of £4,039 plus VAT, which would be £4,846 with VAT at the expected rate of 20% next year, and the second of £7,552.00 which included VAT at the current rate, we have chosen the lower. The Harlaw Working Group will be contracting for the monument from the lower bidder. David Leslie has done a great amount of work on this and is certain that we will get exactly what we expect, a cross in ruby red granite, 6' 4" above the base. David has also pulled some strings so that we might get some of the site work done without cost. In addition, David has contacted the heritage authorities who indicate that since we are placing a heritage monument, that we will be exempt from the VAT altogether, a possible saving of £800 or more to the project.

The Harlaw Working Group is proceeding with adding the arms of Balquhain to the Leslie's Cross and a time capsule to include among other items, a copy of the *Order of Service Booklet* which will list the names of all the donors. Copies of this booklet will be mailed to all donors. We are in the process of estimating the costs of all these added items and will report on them when they are available. My personal guess is that with an allowance for any contingencies that may arise, we will have enough funds to meet all the costs.

Our Clan Chief, Alexander Leslie, in his article in the October, *Grip Fast Journal*, gave me much of the credit for the achievement of this raising this monument to our ancestors; however, I must not let his kind remarks go to my head. The Harlaw Working Group made up of Clan Chief, Alexander Leslie, CLSI Chieftain, David Leslie White, Laird of Warthill, Sebastian

Leslie and David Leslie from Leslie, have all played major parts in this achievement.

Chief Alexander has had discussions with officials in Aberdeen and with other Clan Chiefs to inform them of our plans. He has also lent us his unwavering support for this whole project. David White as leader of the Clan Leslie Society International has endlessly implored members to participate and from the long list of donors in the USA, you can see that he was successful.



David Leslie who made the original suggestion that the Clan Leslie should do something to remember the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Harlaw, wrote a comprehensive story about the involvement of the Leslies in this battle for the first reissue of the 2010 *Griffin* and has been our man on the job to talk to local people, has contacted many Leslies in Scotland and England and has done an invaluable job.

Sebastian Leslie and his wife Candida offered their two Leslie Castles, Warthill and Lickleyhead, for the Clan Leslie Gathering Dinner and for the accommodation of the Leslies from overseas. Both houses are now filled and the dinner has enough people committed that it is a certainty. Linda Flowers, Treasurer of the CLSI has done a special job of receiving and banking donations from the USA and Canada. Commissioner, Barrie Leslie in Australia, has published appeals to Australian and New Zealand Leslies and collected funds in those countries. My special thanks to the Baron of Leslie, Georg Dorsch and the Baron of Balquhain, Dr. Nelson Ying for their enthusiastic help in making this project a success.

I must admit that I was amazed at the response from Clan Leslie and friends worldwide. Some of us believed that the poor economic times and the general worldwide preaching of doom by the press would make this project difficult to achieve. However, I always felt that if we had a Leslie project that was im-

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Flowers of the Forest

James M. Leslie, Retired Brigadier General in the United States Army - died Thursday, April 29, 2010 at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville after an extended illness. He was 81.

General Leslie was born in Anaconda, Montana and grew up in Butte, Montana. He graduated from Montana State College in 1951 as the Distinguished ROTC Graduate with a commission of 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry. He later entered the Army flight program and flew fix-winged aircraft and helicopters.



He received a Master's Degree in International Relations from George Washington University in 1969.

He attended the National War College from 1968-1969.

As a career infantry officer, General Leslie commanded units from platoon to brigade size and served as Assistant Division Commander of the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea. He was also commanding General of the 3rd ROTC Region at Fort Knox, Kentucky. His awards and decorations

include the Distinguished Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, the Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge and Senior Army Aviation Badge.

Mr. Leslie was an active member of Eastside Baptist Church in Marietta, Georgia for many years.

General Leslie lived in Knoxville and was a member of the Retired Officers Association and Association of the US Army. He was a member of the Clan Leslie Society International.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ann Leslie; son, Richard Leslie and wife, Glen; daughter, Teresa Bowman and husband, Mark; four grandsons. Matthew Bowman and wife, Kathleen, Sam Leslie, Brandon Bowman and Nathan Bowman. He is also survived by a brother, Donald B. Leslie and wife, Francis, and a sister, Kathryn Miller.

A funeral service was conducted at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel with Dr. Larry Fields officiating. Interment will be held at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 AC Skinner Pkwy, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256 or www.woundedwarriorproject.com. Online condolences may be extended at www.rosemortuary.com.

Clan Leslie did it! *Continued from page 27*



important enough and interesting enough, that the Clan and friends would rally to the cause. Your names will be recorded in Leslie history as those who remembered our brave ancestors who helped save the City of Aberdeen and their own

homes and families.

The Harlaw working Group has decided that the last date for accepting funds for the Leslie's Cross, Harlaw Monument will be December 15th, 2010. Following that date the Order of Service Booklet, listing all the donors, will be finalized for printing.

William Leslie, Commissioner
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For information about joining us email: clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com

Five things to do in Scotland this Christmas

1. **Ride the Ferris Wheel** and sample the **German Christmas market** at the Winter Wonderland on Princes Street, Edinburgh. Nov.26-Dec 24 <http://www.edinburghschristmas.com/content/traditionalgermanchristmasmarket/2489/>

2. Get into the Christmas spirit at the **RSNO Christmas Concert at the Glasgow Royal Concert** on Dec 18. For more detail, you should visit http://www.rsno.org.uk/index.php?option=com_jcalpro&Itemid=80&extmode=view&extid=119

3. **Spend Christmas walking in the Highlands.** A walking tour for those hardy folk who want to end the year on a high! www.letsgowalking.com/walking_scotland_xmas.html

4. **Visit Stirling Castle** and enjoy a new version of The story of Christmas. This is an amusing and slightly irreverent presentation highlighting how Christmas has been celebrated through the centuries. Dec 5- Dec12. http://www.stirlingcastle.gov.uk/event_detail?id=26920

5. For the foolhardy only, **raise money for Charity and join the Nippy Dippers on Aberdeen beach on Boxing day in fancy dress.** YES ..it does require you to take a dip in the North Sea! <http://www.aboutaberdeen.com/Boxing-Day-Swim-Aberdeen.php>

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