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## THE CHAPEL OF THE GARIOCH

The Clan Leslie has chosen the Chapel of the Garioch as the place to install the Leslie's Cross which will honour the Leslies who died at the Battle of Harlaw in 1411. The red granite Cross will be put in a prominent place, the grassy area in the front of the Chapel, and dedicated at a special ceremony on July 24, 2011.

The Chapel has had a long association with the Leslie family and other significant historical families. The Chapel of the Garioch was originally a private Chapel in the Parish of Logie-Durno which had its church at Old Logie. This Church was in existence in 1151 and until 1583 was a parish Church.

When Christian Bruce, sister of King Robert, married one of his strongest supporters, the King gave her as a dowry the Lordship of the Garioch. Around 1350 Christian founded and endowed the Chapel of our Lady of the

Garioch on the heights of Drumdurno so that masses might be said for the souls of the Founder, her brother and her husband. So began the Chapel of the Garioch.

On January 22, 1420, as a result of another feud with the Forbes, Sir Andrew Leslie who had retreated to his fort at the top of Bennachie came down and did battle with his opponents including the Sheriff of Angus. Sir Andrew was killed at Braco, about two miles from Bennachie. His wife, Isabel Mortimer had tried to stop the fighting but was unsuccessful. Isabel Mortimer bequeathed an annual amount for a priest to pray for his soul for all time. The Ogilvies of Granden and Forfar also granted an annuity for a Chaplain to perform divine services for the soul of Sir Andrew Leslie, Knight, in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In 1473, King James III granted a charter which provided an annual stipend for the support of a Chaplain at the Chapel of St. Mary of Garioch to pray for the souls of Alexander Leslie, the second son of Sir Andrew and his wife Isabella.

By 1500, through endowments gifted by the Mar and Leslie families, five other priests were attached to this small but Royal Chapel. Mary Queen of Scots, during her stay at Balquhain Castle in September 1562, heard mass in the Chapel, a fitting close to its 200 years of aristocratic history.

In 1583 it became the Church of the Parish of Logie-Durno. In 1599 the Presbytery decreed that the small Parish of Fetternear, long vacant, should be united with Logie-Durno and a new Church built for the joint Parish at the site of the Chapel of the Garioch. The walls of the old Chapel disappeared, but it gave its name to the new Church, called simply 'The Chapel', and through the Church to the new Parish. For a long time it was known as 'The Parish of Logie-Durno, commonly called the Chapel of the Garioch' until common usage won the day.

In 1620, after the Reformation, the Chapel was converted into a Parish Church and given the name of The Chapel of The Garioch.

The present Church, the same length as the old but almost twice as wide, was opened for worship in 1813. The form was the usual rectangle with narrow sides east and west; four pointed windows in the south wall with the pulpit between the two centre lights and round three sides a gallery entered from an external stair. In its latter days the walls were elaborately stenciled in various colours while the ceiling, painted blue, was spangled with gold stars.

In 1922 it was extensively renovated by the Congregation. The back gallery was removed and a Chancel with a window of five lights was built out from the north wall. In 1931 the Women's Guild donated stained glass for the window and while the Church was being redecorated in spring 1959 a Memorial Mosaic Plaque was inserted in the Chancel wall, this Chapel is an extremely interesting example of what can be done with the usual heritors' building of 1750-1850 and today it is one of the most beautiful of Scotland's country Churches.

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Reference: The booklet, Church of Scotland, The Church and Parish of The Chapel of the Garioch.

## DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF LESLIE HISTORY?

On Sunday July 24, 2011, there will be an unprecedeted Ceremony at the Chapel of the Garioch. Leslies from all over the world will gather to remember and honour ancestors who gave their lives protecting their families, their homes and way of life and preventing the destruction of the City of Aberdeen. Afterwards, Leslies and their friends will gather at an historic Leslie House for dinner, to renew their friendships, meet new cousins and toast the ancestors who fought for this beautiful homeland. The following week, those attending will tour many of the famous Leslie Castles, Bennachie and other historical places. The recreation of the Battle of Harlaw, the play "Red Harlaw" and special displays at museums are also planed for that week.

Some donors have asked what we would do if we collected more funds than we need for the Leslie's Cross. The Planning Committee has offered the following list with the items placed in order of priority:

1. Print the Order of Service Booklet with all the names of donors, names of dignitaries attending the service and some Harlaw history. Copies of this booklet would be mailed to everyone who donates to the fund.
2. Add a carving on the Leslie's Cross of the Arms of Sir Andrew Leslie.
3. Create a time capsule to be installed in the memorial stone.
4. The Clans who were at Harlaw are seeking approval to replace the Clan Cairns which were placed on the Harlaw Battlefield. A Leslie Cairn could be placed on the Battlefield in participation with the group of Clans. Would you not like to participate in this historical Leslie project? The donations are at approximately 70% of the needed funds. See the top of page 6 for the information about how you can donate to the Leslie's Cross.

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## HARLAW REMEMBRANCE PLAN

1. **A Leslie history of Harlaw.** Copies of *The Griffin* have been mailed to all CLSI members. The lead story is by David Leslie from Leslie by Insch, "The Leslies and the Battle of Harlaw." David's story of Harlaw pulls together the whole story of the cause of the war with Donald of the Isles and the Leslie involvement prior to and during the Battle of Harlaw.

2. **The new Leslie's Cross.** Monument companies have been asked to quote on a red granite cross to be installed in the Churchyard of the Chapel of the Garioch. The plan is to depict the Leslie's Cross which was placed on the battlefield in 1411 and has long since disappeared. It will be inscribed with a memorial to the six sons of Sir Andrew Leslie and the other Leslies who fell defending their homes and the City of Aberdeen.

3. **The Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Councils.** Several events will take place beginning Sunday, July 24, 2011, with the laying of a wreath by the Provost at the Harlaw Monument and continuing through that week. Plans are for a play of the Battle of Harlaw, a re-creation of the Battle and battlefield camp, and other historical displays at art galleries and museums.

4. **Order of Service Booklet which will Include the Names of Participants and Donors.** You could be a part of Leslie history by participating in the Leslie ceremony to remember the Leslies of Harlaw or by contributing to the cost of the monument. If funds permit, a booklet listing the names and hometowns of all the contributors will be produced and mailed to each donor. A copy will be preserved in the permanent Clan Leslie Library Collection.

5. **A Clan Leslie Gathering.** There will be a Leslie Gathering involving Clan Leslie members from all over the world. The Clan Leslie Gathering in 1995 was such an event and attracted Clan Leslie members from many countries. The 1995 hosts, David and Leslie Leslie introduced many of us to the great history of the Clan and to many historical Leslie sites in Aberdeenshire. This time we have the possibility of attracting even more Scottish Leslies because of the major historical significance of the Battle of Harlaw. The Leslies of Warthill have generously agreed to arrange our Gathering Dinner at their Warthill House.

6. **Stay at a Leslie Castle.** The working group needs to know who plans to be there. Sebastian and Candida Leslie from Warthill House have been very generous in making rooms available at Warthill House and Lickleyhead Castle, two Leslie homes. A Clan Leslie Dinner, for Sunday July 24, 2011, has been planned at Warthill House. If coming from afar, plan to arrive by Saturday July 23, 2011.

7. **Tour Historical Leslie Sites.** We would like to arrange transportation and joint attendance at events and visit historical Leslie locations. All Leslies, Abernathys, Bartholomews, Carneys, Laings and Moores are welcome to participate. You do not have to be a member of the Clan Leslie Society. It takes time to plan such an event so if you are interested in being at this historical event in remembrance of the Leslies of Harlaw, please send a message to:

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## A CALL TO ARMS - LESLIE'S CROSS

I use the term "Call to Arms" because this project is, in a sense, a call to battle. It is for a battle against ignorance and a battle against apathy. It is a matter of education. When people do not have good examples or role models, or if they just do not get to know about them, then it becomes harder to have a common background or language to share visions and to do good deeds. The Leslies and the 2000 other members of the army under the Earl of Mar, successfully battled against the 10,000 men under Donald of Islay, Lord of the Isles, in order to protect their families and homes. It has been said that: "Only those who are willing to die for freedom deserve Freedom." President Kennedy also said and I paraphrase: "Ask not for what your country can do for you; but what you can do for your country." Today's world is just too lacking in the above qualities. We are drowning in apathy. This project will do its part in educating the world about the supreme sacrifice made by the six sons of Sir Andrew Leslie of Balquhain, Baron of Balquhain, and other Leslies, and the other 500 who died that day at Harlaw to protect their homes and families. This is why I salute you and all the others who participate here in this project as their personal "Battle against ignorance; and Battle against Apathy."

The above paragraph is not only what I believe in, but it may also assist you in your application for 501(c)(3) under "education" status. "Education" is more than just running schools or giving scholarships. Publicizing information or building monuments that can serve as examples or role models, to teach people about history and the *meaning behind* historical events, should also qualify as "education". President Kennedy's above quote is not an empty quote. The 500 men who made the supreme sacrifice at Harlaw actually lived that spirit.

**Dr. Nelson Ying of Balquhain, Baron of Balquhain**



**Warthill House**



**Lickleyhead Castle**

NAME ATTENDING MEMORIAL CEREMONY	ACCOMMODATION	NUMBER ATTENDING GATHERING DINNER JULY 24, 2011	INTERESTED IN LESLIE HISTORICAL TOURS
David Leslie White & Beth Meriwether	Warthill House	2	2
William and Sue Leslie	Warthill House	2	2
Rosemary Leslie and Erik Foisy	Warthill House	2	2
Bonnie Leslie Rudnisky	Warthill House	1	1
Jim and Susan Leslie	Lickleyhead Castle	2	
Lewis and Chris Johnson	Lickleyhead Castle	2	0
Becky and Chuck Dobias	Lickleyhead Castle	2	2
Dr Nelson Ying and Mrs Ying of Balquhain	Lickleyhead Castle	2	2
Linda Flowers	Lickleyhead Castle	2	2
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Brian and Petra Lesslie (Perth)		2	
Brian Lesslie and Catherine (Perth)		2	
Tom Leslie			
Georg Dorsch of Leslie Castle		1	
Clan Leslie Chief, Alexander Leslie			
David and Leslie Leslie from Leslie		2	2
Sebastian and Candida Leslie		6	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>

#### DONORS TO LESLIE'S CROSS HARLAW MONUMENT

##### Patrons

David and Leslie Leslie, from Leslie, Aberdeenshire

Don and Janice Abernathy, Albermarle, North Carolina

Georg Dorsch, Baron of Leslie, Leslie Castle, Aberdeenshire

Dr. Nelson Ying and Lady Patricia Ying, Baron and Baroness of Balquhain, Aberdeenshire

##### Donors in the USA

Lewis and Chris Johnson, Greensboro, North Carolina

David Leslie White and Beth Meriwether, Fort Worth Texas ..... (2)

Steve Olling, Issaquah, Washington

Arthur Leslie, Las Vegas, Nevada

Adam Flowers, Norman, Oklahoma

Linda Flowers, Tuttle, Oklahoma

Edmund Leslie, Omaha, Nebraska

Bob and Dot Leslie, Ridgeway, Pennsylvania

Jonathan Moore, Wayne, New Jersey

Priscilla Rodriguez, Belleville, Illinois ..... (2)

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Laura Messing, St Louis, Missouri  
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Becky and Chuck Dobias, Carlyle, Illinois  
Keith Leslie, Macon, Georgia  
Patricia Akroyd, Spring Hill, Florida  
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Glenda Saunders, Macon, South Carolina  
Leslie and Wayne Seich, Jackson, New Jersey  
Samantha Gray, Glen Cove, New York  
Frank and Lynne Leslie, Kempner, Texas  
Stephen K. Leslie, Medford, MA and San Francisco, CA  
Robert (Bob) Bailey, San Jose, California  
Sherry Eastwood, West Palm Beach, Florida  
Reuben Leslie & Gloria Sue Downe, Austin, Texas

#### **Donors in Canada**

William and Sue Leslie, Orillia, Ontario  
Stewart Leslie, Mount Hope, Ontario  
Rosemary Leslie, Ottawa, Ontario  
Dr. Peggy Allan, Vancouver, British Columbia  
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Fred and Meryl Leslie, Toronto, Ontario

#### **Donors in Scotland**

David and Sheena Leslie, Banchory  
Albert and Linda Thomson, Inverurie  
Mrs. M. Sharp (nee Leslie), Aberdeen  
Mrs. M. Anderson (nee Leslie), Avoch

#### **Donors in England**

James, Alastair and Emma Leslie, Stoke on Trent  
Tom Leslie, Chorleywood

#### **Donors in Australia and New Zealand**

Barrie Leslie, Gordon, New South Wales  
Elaine Wood, Sydney, New South Wales  
Stephen Lesslie, Sydney, New South Wales  
Jenny Richardson, Noble Park, Victoria

#### **Donors in Europe**

Lisa White, Paris, France

#### **Notes:**

**A total of \$8,230 or £5,265 has been raised to date.**

The “Patrons” designation was developed to separately recognize the substantial donations by these individuals.

..... (2) Indicates that these donors have made a second contribution to the fund.

## **HAVE YOU MADE A DONATION YET?**

Donations to our Leslie Cross Fund have grown to \$8,230 US, and we have now reached 70 percent of our goal. Thank you so much to those of you who have given to our campaign already! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. For those of you who haven't given, we still have a way to go to our goal. But I am confident that we will achieve our goal and erect a new Leslie Cross at the Chapel of the Garioch in memory of the Leslies who died at the Battle of Harlaw.

We must raise an additional \$3,770 to make our campaign successful. Can I count on you to finish the job? If our campaign is going to keep its positive momentum, it is imperative that we receive more donations. We need your help. I am asking each of you to help us be sure our campaign is a success.

So please, if you can donate \$35, \$50, \$100 or even \$500, please respond by sending your check to our Society Treasurer, Linda Flowers. Please make your check payable to the "Clan Leslie Society International," with a notation "Leslie's Cross Fund." Linda can also accept donations by PayPal, credit cards, Visa or MasterCard. Linda's address is: Linda Flowers, 302 SW 3rd, Tuttle, OK 73089, [lflowingo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lflowingo@sbcglobal.net)  
PayPal is also accepted using the email address [lflowers1954@yahoo.com](mailto:lflowers1954@yahoo.com)

For those in the UK, donations can be made to David Leslie, The Coach House, Leslie by Insch, Aberdeenshire, AB52 6NX Scotland.

**David Leslie White**

## **2012 CLAN LESLIE GATHERING – THE LOCATION HAS BEEN CHOSEN**

The 2012 Clan Leslie Society International Gathering will be held in conjunction with the New Hampshire Highland Games at the Loon Mountain Ski Resort, Lincoln, NH. To find out more about the New Hampshire Games, please visit: <http://www.nhscot.org>. These games traditionally take place on or around the third weekend of September, but we will post the 2012 dates when they become available. Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=696321738&ref=ts#!/group.php?gid=155937880572&ref=ts>

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## **COMING TENTS AT HIGHLAND GAMES AND SCOTTISH FESTIVALS**

### **SEPTEMBER 25. CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA**

Chris Chamberlin and her son Michael Hadley will be hosting a tent at Cedar Rapids. Chris is very enthusiastic and writes: We have recently become a member of H.A.G.G.I.S. (Hawkeye Area Grand Gaelic Islands Society), an organization here in Iowa that promotes our Scottish heritage. It is this organization that holds the All Things Scottish Festival in Cedar Rapids. We are having a picnic/bonfire this Friday evening and will be discussing plans for the upcoming festival in great detail. We are very excited about hosting our tent and have already received several responses from friends and family that they will be coming to the event. My cousin Les Simmons is also a lineal Leslie and is very much anticipating stopping at the tent to learn more and has expressed interest in possibly joining CLSI at that time. I cannot tell you in words how very happy I am since I have joined CLSI and how much I look forward to becoming an active member in promoting our great heritage. The number of friends I have met through the CLSI gathering has been very rewarding.

### **OCTOBER 15-17. STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**

The Stone Mountain Highland Games will be held October 15-17 at Stone Mountain Park Meadow, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Stone Mountain is located just east of Atlanta. The CLSI tent will be hosted by Roy Abernathy, assisted by Al and Don Leslie.

For additional information, check the Stone Mountain Games website at: [www.smhg.org](http://www.smhg.org)

### **NOVEMBER 13-14. TEXAS SALADO SCOTTISH CLAN GATHERING & HIGHLAND GAMES**

The 2010 Salado Clan Tent will be hosted by Frank W. Leslie & his wife Lynne. This is the oldest Scottish Clan Festival in Texas. If the heat of the summer put you off going to the June gathering this will give you no excuse not to attend this one. The weather will be cooler and the trees changing colour and as a bonus you can do your Christmas shopping. The gathering will be held on the grounds of the Salado Civic Centre on Main Street. Main Street was part of the Chisholm Trail. Take Interstate 35, about 16 miles South of Temple and 50 miles North of Austin.

Contact website [www.clan-salado.org/Gathering/Gathering](http://www.clan-salado.org/Gathering/Gathering)

## RECENT TENTS AT HIGHLAND GAMES AND SCOTTISH FESTIVALS

It would be much appreciated if the fine volunteers who plan to host Tents at Games would keep us informed of their intentions far enough in advance to print the notice in this newsletter. It would also be great if you would send a written report and photographs of the tent and the participants after the event. Please help us to strengthen our Society by reporting all our activities. Your report will be published in the *Grip Fast Online* and a more complete coverage will appear in the following *Grip Fast Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*.

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### MAY 29 ALMA MICHIGAN HIGHLAND FESTIVAL AND GAMES



The temperature soared to the low 90's and humidity was high at the Alma Highland Festival and Games during the Memorial day weekend. We had 12 people visit our tent on Saturday, May 29. Ryan Chavez participated in the Tartan Parade with David and Rosemary. Attendance at the games has been down the last several years and the number of clan tents is less because of the economy.

Photo, Ann Moore Guffey, Byron Center, Michigan and David Christie Leslie, Canton, Michigan

### MAY 29-30. COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA UNITED SCOTTISH SOCIETY'S HIGHLAND GAMES AND GATHERING MEMORIAL DAY



Susan Abernethy attended the Games for the third year as Mary, Queen of Scots, and hosted the CLS tent/Royal Pavilion for the second time, assisted by sons Frederick and Joshua Persons and daughter Tara Pool. Long-time CLS member Jeff Kern came to assist.

**Susan Abernethy**

Photo, The 'Royal Pavilion' with Tara, Frederick, Joshua, Jeff Kern, and friend Joshua Peak

### JUNE 26-27. SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES VISTA CALIFORNIA

For the 35<sup>th</sup> time, Susan Abernethy hosted the Clan Leslie Society tent at the 37<sup>th</sup> San Diego Scottish Highland Games.

She has also been Clans Coordinator for 34 years, and has in the past held the post of Publicity Director.

Before the Opening Ceremonies and Clans March, where we carried our official CLS banner, the Games Committee made a presentation. That banner in the picture to the right was designed and made by my mom, Dorothy Abernethy.



Photo above. Tara, Frederick and Joshua



The Games Committee presented all the Clan organizations with attendance plaques this year. The boys are holding the Clan Leslie plaque.

This year was a record year for Leslie attendants at the San Diego Games; 20 Leslies and their families visited the tent, including another Susan Abernethy!

Tara had the honor of performing the national anthems for the opening ceremonies at San Diego as well, and our madrigal group, Vox Nobili, performed at the Kirkin' of the Tartan on Sunday morning. You can find us on the web at [www.voxnobili.com](http://www.voxnobili.com).

### **Susan Abernethy**

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO THE CLSI COUNCIL**

In accordance with Clan Leslie Society International Bylaws this public notice serves as a Call for Nominations for the following Elected Offices:

1. Vice Chieftain – currently held by Linda Flowers, Tuttle, OK
2. Secretary/Registrar – currently held by Rebecca Chase Dobias; will not be seeking re-election and the position will be vacant.
3. Council Member – currently held by Thomas Huxtable, KS, recently vacated by Joan Leslie Eike.
4. Council Member – currently held by Reuben Leslie, TX

All elected officers shall be adult, lineal, voting members of the Society for a period of not less than two (2) years. Elected officers shall assume office January 1, the year following the election.

Please send your notice of intent with biography to Rebecca Chase Dobias prior to September 10, 2010.

### **Rebecca Chase Dobias**

Secretary/Registrar, PO Box 42, Carlyle, IL 62231

## **ELECTION FOR COUNCIL**

The time for our biennial election is approaching rapidly. We will have three vacancies on the Council that need to be filled. These are Vice Chieftain, Secretary/Registrar and Council Member.

The first is the position of Vice Chieftain. For the past 9 months Linda Flowers has performed the additional duty of the Vice Chieftain and her other position as our Treasurer. The duties of the Vice Chieftain are primarily to perform the duties of the Chieftain in his/her absence, disability or decease. The term is for two years.

Rebecca Dobias, our Secretary/Registrar, does not plan to run for re-election this year. Hence, our Society needs a volunteer to run for election as the Secretary/Registrar. The duties include keeping records of Society proceedings (minutes of Council meetings and the Biennial Gathering), maintain the correspondence files of the Society, receive and process applications for membership and maintain current membership records. This position requires the Secretary/Registrar to be familiar (or become familiar) with the Microsoft Access program.

We also will have a vacancy on the Council. Council members must be adult, lineal members of the Society in good standing, not holding any other office. Council members serve for a term of four years

If you are willing to serve, please notify Rebecca Dobias ([dobiasrc@aol.com](mailto:dobiasrc@aol.com)) and provide her with a short biographical summary of your qualifications for office.

### **David Leslie White**

## **CANADIANS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE COUNCIL**

There has not been a Canadian on the CLSI Council for some time. It would be good if someone wanted to represent us. With all the new Canadian members this year, you might easily be elected. Article II (Organization and Management), paragraph 2) reads as follows:

"The Council: The management of the Society shall consist of four elected executive officers of the Society (Chieftain, Vice Chieftain, Secretary/Registrar and Treasurer) and six additional members elected at large, **at least one of whom shall be elected from members residing outside the United States.**"

It is my opinion that any member running for Council who resides outside of the US would take precedence over members running who are residents of the US.

If you are at all interested, contact me for more information.

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## AFTER THE FIRE, LESLIE HOUSE IN FIFE



Leslie House has been much talked about in the last couple of years mostly due to the very large fire that destroyed the entire inside of the building. To keep you all up to date with what it looks like today and let you know what should be happening with in the future, I took a trip to see for myself and took some photos. The interior of the building has all been gutted except for a couple of lower rooms. The rooms that the fire missed or at least the firemen saved have all been damaged by a partial collapse of the ceilings and plaster on the walls.

The staircases and all of the interior structure of the rooms is gone. The roof does not exist and some stonework is badly cracked. Some of the stone roof decoration has been taken down and will eventually be put back when rebuilding starts. Most of the interior is still black from soot.



The recession we are in at the moment has halted any work but the builders have time to get all the new layout plans drawn up and approved by the building control and Heritage Scotland. We can hope that this all gets back on track as soon as the financial problems the banks caused get sorted out. A couple of the photos I took were of the timbers removed during the stripping out of the building after the fire; they show how most of the major timber beams were attached to each other by wooden pegs. Other photos show the stonework removed and still black with soot. I was surprised to find the flag pole still attached. The vandals have been at the fountain at the rear of the house and broken the lower support for the bowl. The good news is the gardener has been hard at work and has re-laid the garden at the side of the house with grass and some plants. The orangey has been opened up to show the timbers are well rotted but it will be replaced with a similar replica in due course. Let us hope it starts soon.



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**Brian Lesslie, Perth**

## NEXT PUBLICATIONS TO CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY MEMBERS

**OCTOBER 2010** – The second edition of the *Grip Fast, Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*. Will be sent to Clan Leslie Society International members. Some members may have problems downloading and printing such a large file. If you wish to receive a printed booklet by mail, you may request this of the Treasurer.

**NOVEMBER 2010** - The *Grip Fast Online* will be sent to any interested person who sends an email address. Please continue to send us your stories and pictures of your Scottish ancestors or your Clan Leslie family; we really need them. Note the number of different clan members who have contributed to this issue.

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**IN MEMORIAM**  
**ARTHUR ROBERT "BOB" LESLIE III**

Arthur Robert "Bob" Leslie III, 65, of Millville died on Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at the South Jersey Healthcare Hospice Care in Bridgeton, after a brief illness .Born in Millville, Dec. 12, 1944; Bob was raised in Millville and was a lifelong resident, graduating from Millville High School in 1963. Bob was a letter carrier for the Millville post office for 11 years, and then became a licensed optician, working for Dr. Rodis, as well as several other local optometrists. During World War II, Bob's father, Private Arthur Robert Leslie Jr., served with the 116th Infantry Regiment of the famed 29th Infantry Division, landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day. Unfortunately, Bob never had the opportunity to meet his father, because he was killed in action near St. Lo, France, during the Battle for Normandy, on July 17, 1944, five months before Bob was born. When Bob was a young man, he learned of his father's fate, thereafter keeping his father's memory close at heart and was always very proud of his dad's service to his country. After the war, the American Legion selected Private Art Leslie to represent Millville's deceased veterans of World War II, combining with Malvern J. Nabb, representing deceased veterans of World War I. The Millville post was now known as American Legion Nabb-Leslie Post No. 82. Bob served in the National Guard, was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, and also played in the post's band. Bob enjoyed cooking and listening to music. He also was well regarded as a DJ.

**MICHELLE EDWARDS AUGUSTINE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS**

One of our members, Michelle Edwards Augustine, is battling lung and brain cancer. She is fighting this disease with faith and courage. Her family has asked for our prayers for Michelle as she battles this cancer. Michelle has a website that can be viewed at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/michelleedwards>. Also, if you would like to send her a card or note of encouragement, her address is 5215 E. Lake Shore Drive, Wonder Lake, IL 60097.

**Linda Flowers**

**GRIP FAST ONLINE FANS WRITE**

Hey Dad!

I just had a chance to read the latest Grip Fast today. Fantastic job again this month. I always read the whole thing but this time I was not bored once, except for one long part from Bill Leslie in NZ with a list of names, etc. I liked the intro story you wrote to entice people to come to the Harlaw event or donate, I liked the back and forth letters from you and the NZ Bill, the comments that people made on the Griffin and the 2 Leslie Entertainment links from you and Will. I just bought a shirt from the Rockband Leslie and will wear it to Scotland next summer!

Love Roses (Rosemary Leslie, Ottawa, Ontario)

**BOOK - THE ANTECEDENTS OF THE ABERNETHY FAMILY IN SCOTLAND, VIRGINIA AND ALABAMA**

Apparently it has been difficult for Abernethys to trace their heritage further than the "elusive" Robert Abernethy, who arrived in Virginia in 1632. The answers lie in a book titled The Antecedents of the Abernethy Family in Scotland, Virginia and Alabama by Thomas Perkins Abernethy. Part of the answer is that this Robert Abernethy had been a Scottish soldier in the Battle of Dunbar in 1650 or Worcester in 1651. General David Leslie commanded the Scots at Dunbar. The Battle of Dunbar was a disaster for the Scots. The Scottish soldiers captured by the English were divided "into three classes: the common soldiers were to be paroled and permitted to return to their homes; non-commissioned officers and officers below the rank of captain were to be transported to the colonies; Highlanders, captains and field [grade] officers, as well as the landed gentry were to be sent to the Tower" in London.

Robert Abernethy was "transported" to Virginia, where he was "sold" by the English as an indentured servant to serve for five years to pay for the cost of his "transportation."

Abernethys who are interested in this Robert Abernethy and his descendants, can purchase this book from Books of My Ancestors, 2025 Dunsmore Lane, Waxhaw, North Carolina 28173. Books of My Ancestors appears to be a subsidiary of AbeBooks. You can order online by doing a Google search on Books of My Ancestors. Cost of this paperback book is about \$10.88

**David Leslie White**

## **BOOKS - JACOBITES OF 1715 NORTH EAST SCOTLAND & JACOBITES OF 1745 NORTH EAST SCOTLAND**

A book by Francis McDonnell, *Jacobites of 1715 North East Scotland* and *Jacobites of 1745 North East Scotland* lists Scots who were known supporters of the House of Stuart, and specifically in 1745 Prince Charles Edward Stuart. Originally printed in St. Andrews, Scotland in 1996. Reprinted as two books in one for the Clearfield Company by the Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, Maryland 1997, 1998, 2000.

In the uprising of 1715, the following were identified as Jacobites.

**Abernethy, John, of Mayen:** Eldest son of Alexander Abernethy, 1st. of Mayen, and his wife, Isobel Hacket, daughters, Jean and Elizabeth, and son, James. Having shot John Leith of Leathhall in Aberdeen in 1763, he was outlawed and fled to France where he was visited by Lord Fife in 1766.

**Leslie, Charles "Mussel-Mou'd Charlie" 1715 & 1745:** So called from a singular projection of his under-lip. He was born in 1667, a natural son of Leslie of Pitcaple. A ballad monger, described as a thin man, about 5 feet 10 inches in height, with small fiery eyes, a long chin and red hair. Died at Old Rayne in 1782 at the extraordinary age of 105 - probably the last survivor of the Rising of 1715.

**Leslie, The Rev Charles of Glasslough:** The family of Leslie of Glasslough, Ireland is descended from the Wardes branch of the family of Leslie of Balquhain. Born 17 July 1650 sixth son of Rev Charles Leslie, admitted to Trinity College, Dublin in 1664. He married Jane Leslie and had two sons, Robert and Henry.

**Leslie, James, of the Warthill family:** Eldest son of Alexander Leslie, Minister of Crail in Fife, and his wife Helen, daughter of John Seymour, Minister of Macgill. Married Catherine Mills, and died in 1730, having had three sons and three daughters.

**Leslie, John, Baillie, Aberdeen:** Probably died about 18 September, 1730.

**Leslie, The Rev. William, of Little Folla:** Eldest son of George Leslie, 4th Laird of Little Folla and his wife Isabella. Sometimes schoolmaster at Auchterless, he went to Ireland to assist his uncle in Fermanagh, He retired to Little Folla and died in 1722, aged 71.

Jacobites of 1745 North East Scotland. The author notes that "Not all supporters [of the House of Stuart] were voluntary, many being forced out by their feudal superiors. Many more claimed to have been forced out in an attempt to regain their freedom from imprisonment after [the Battle of] Culloden."

**Abernethie, George:** Merchant and Magistrate, Banff. Captain. Prisoner at Carlisle.

**Abernethie, John:** Tanner, Strathbogie. Hired out by inhabitants, who were forced by John Gordon of Avochie. Lurking after Culloden.

**Abernethie, John:** Overseer of the Highways. Tyrie, Aberdeenshire

**Abernethy, Alexander:** A farmer in Tipperty, Banff. Also described as a surgeon, with wife and four young children. Taken prisoner at Carlisle, he was condemned to hang, was reprieved for a time, during which he fell sick and died.

**Abernethy, George:** A merchant and Magistrate at Banff, assumed to be brother of James Abernethy of Mayen. Described as cheerful, good-natured and agreeable, he was about 45 years at the time, and a very reluctant rebel. Married to Elizabeth Forbes, daughter of John Forbes of Boyndlie. He died of consumption on 27 April 1747, and was buried in the churchyard of St. Margaret's, Westminster. [NOTE: There may be some confusion with the George Abernethie listed above, also a "Merchant and Magistrate, Banff"].

**Leslie, Alexander:** Farmer, Auchinhanich, Banffshire. Ensign. Lurking after Culloden

**Leslie, James:** Labouring servant, Old Meldrum.

**Leslie, John, 7th Laird of Warthill.**

**Leslie, William:** A farmer's son, Hillhead of Turriff. Lurking after Culloden.

**More, John:** Auchmore, Midmar.

**More, John, jun:** Auchmore, Midmar,

**More, Peter:** Knockando, Banffshire

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## **PETER M. LESLIE, QUARTERMASTER, CLSI**

A reminder to all CLSI Members: Clan Leslie items for sale are listed on our website; go to [www.ClanLeslieSociety.org](http://www.ClanLeslieSociety.org) then click on the Items for Sale link.

The list of items has been updated and includes a description, price and photo along with how to order. The Clan Leslie items listed are:

1) Grip Fast – Leslies in History, a beautifully hard bound book, detailing the Leslie clan from its inception (290 pages), authored by Alexander Leslie Klieforth.

2) The Griffin Reprint, First Series, - No. 1: The Clan Society, some Leslie History and Heraldry, soft cover book (98 pages), printed by The Clan Leslie Charitable Trust, Edinburgh, Scotland.

3) Post Cards – 2 styles. One style contains King Malcolm's promise to Bartolf and the origination of our clan name, and the other style provides open space for your personal note.

4) Grip Fast Pin

5) Grip Fast Patch

The post cards are of special interest. They were developed by Laura Messing for the 2008 Gathering in St. Charles, and which my wife Shirley and I thoroughly enjoyed. A photo of the cards may be viewed at the Clan Leslie website, [www.ClanLeslieSociety.org](http://www.ClanLeslieSociety.org). They can be used by members to tell friends of upcoming Scottish events, and also to recruit prospective CLSI members. So, to help increase interest in all events Scottish, and to promote CLSI membership, a free packet of "giveaway" postcards is available for those Conveners/Tent Hosts who host a CLSI tent. If you require a packet of postcards sent post paid, you may request a packet from Peter M. Leslie, CLSI Quartermaster.

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## **..CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL – SCHOLARSHIPS**

CLSI is offering scholarships to our members. There are two different types of scholarships. One is an academic scholarship valued at \$250. The deadline for the next scholarship is November 30 with the award of one scholarship being made on January 15. The second type of scholarship is for Scottish or Celtic Programs. The amount of this scholarship is \$200 and can be applied for any time. It will cover things such as bagpiping camp, dance, the arts, etc. The person applying for any scholarship must be a member or inceptor member of CLSI. For more information contact: **Rebecca Dobias, CLSI Scholarship Chairman, [dobiasrsc@aol.com](mailto:dobiasrsc@aol.com),**

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