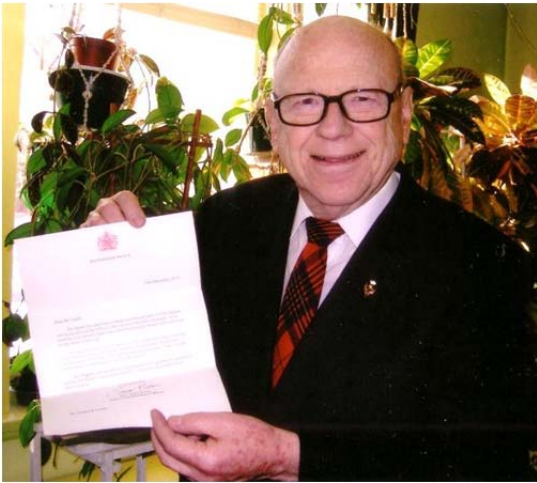


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**FRED LESLIE'S PHOTOGRAPH OF HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II IN TORONTO**

## FRED LESLIE'S PHOTOGRAPH OF HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II



On July 6<sup>th</sup> 2010, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, and His Royal Highness, Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh visited Queen's Park in central Toronto. Meryl and I planned to see them and hopefully take some photographs. About a week before the Queen's visit, we received an email message from the Monarchist League of Canada, of which Meryl and I are Life Members, stating that the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable David Onley was making available a limited number of spaces in his reserved enclosure in the Park, which would provide an advantaged position to see the Queen. Our names were selected in a draw to occupy two spaces.

We received some detailed instructions about the event by email. Our arrival time was stated and if late, we would not be allowed into the Park. One point which was a bit worrissome to us was that we should be prepared to stand up for a couple of hours.

July 6<sup>th</sup> was a hot, humid day in Toronto and the possibility of having to stand for two hours was foremost in our minds. We were directed to the enclosure where we would stand. There is a walkway through the Park, which was lined on both sides with metal barriers similar to those erected for a parade. We were able to stand directly behind our barrier with no one in front of us. Almost instantly we became aware that we were standing under the spreading branches of an old oak tree which protected us from the sun and a gentle cool breeze wafted across the lawn; the position was perfect. We had a walker with us on which we took turns sitting.

We waited for about one hour and then the Queen and her entourage approached. Meryl and I were ready with our cameras. When the Queen was at a respectable distance, I leaned over the barrier and looked at the screen on the camera but all I could see was Meryl's arm. At that moment the Queen was occupied passing back to an aide, a bouquet of flowers which she had received from a young girl. I leaned further out over the barrier and had a clear view of Queen Elizabeth II. She turned to continue on and saw me taking her photograph. She did not seem to be the least bit concerned in spite of being only a few metres away. This allowed me time for only one exposure.

The resulting photograph was quite pleasing and I received many positive comments about it from family members and friends. It was then that I decided to share the photograph with Her Majesty. I mailed her a copy with a covering letter on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and two days before Christmas I received a reply from Senior Correspondence Officer at Buckingham Palace. In the letter, in part, she wrote, and I quote:

*"The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter. It was very kind of you to enclose a copy of the photograph you took of Her Majesty during her visit to Canada earlier this year. I am to convey the Queen's warm wishes to you and your wife for the festive season."*

The letter was signed by the Senior Correspondence Officer.

Taking a photo of Her Majesty proved to be an interesting, challenging and a very rewarding experience.

**Frederick Leslie**

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## THE 2011 SEASON OF CLAN LESLIE TENTS AT SCOTTISH GAMES BEGINS



Frank and Lynne Leslie

This will be an interesting season for Clan Leslie Tents at Games. The volunteers who host these Tents do very special work for the Society. They have to prepare the materials and displays, travel to the locations usually many miles from home and set up and take down their tents. They mostly do this at their own expense. Tent Hosts greet visitors and answer questions about their Leslie heritage. They welcome visitors to the Tent and work at signing up new members.

As usual, the very active South West Region, led by Frank Leslie, kicked off the first Clan Leslie Tent at the Midland Scottish-Irish Faire held 11-13 March 2011 at the Horseshoe Arena, Midland, Texas.

## 2011 TENTS AT HIGHLAND GAMES AND SCOTTISH FESTIVALS

Please remember to send us a notice of your coming Tents at Games in advance and to send a short report and two or three photographs afterwards.

### OKLAHOMA

#### MARCH 26- 27

Linda Flowers will be hosting a tent on March 26-27 at the Iron Thistle Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Yukon, Oklahoma.

### MICHIGAN

**MAY 28** David C. and Rosemary Leslie are hosting a clan tent at Alma College, Michigan again this year. The Clan tent will be on May 28th only, at the Alma Highland Festival and Games. The Festival and games are held on the Alma College Campus, Alma, Michigan, USA. **David Leslie of Canton, Michigan**

### TEXAS

Frank W. Leslie, Southwest Region Convenor, plans to host a CLSI tent in 2011 at the following events:

**APRIL 2- 3**, San Antonio Highland Games. <http://sahga.org/>

**JUNE 2- 5**, Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Arlington <http://www.texasscottishfestival.com/>

**NOVEMBER 11-13**, Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games. <http://www.ctam-salado.org/>

### NORTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA

**APRIL 15-17** Loch Norman, Rural Hills, North Carolina. <http://ruralhillscottishfestivals.net/>

**July 7-10** Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina. <http://www.gmhq.org/>

**OCTOBER 14-16** Stone Mountain, Georgia. <http://www.smhq.org/>

**Cathy Duling President, South East Branch**

### ABERDEENSHIRE

**JULY 24 Chapel of the Garioch and Warthill Castle.** Leslies and friends from several countries will gather at the Chapel of the Garioch for a service to dedicate the new Leslie's Cross and to remember the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Harlaw. There will be a Clan Leslie Gathering and Dinner at Warthill Castle.

**AUGUST 06. The Green, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.** David Leslie will be hosting a Clan Leslie Tent at the Aboyne Games. **David Leslie from Leslie**

<http://www.aboynegames.com/information/location/>

### CALIFORNIA

**MAY 28 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. UNITED SCOTTISH SOCIETY'S SCOTSFEST IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.** Susan Abernethy will portray Mary Queen of Scots at the Clan Leslie Tent.

**Susan Abernethy** <http://www.scotsfest.com/>

**JUNE 25th & 26th. SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES, VISTA, CALIFORNIA.** CLSI will be represented for the 36<sup>th</sup> time at the San Diego Scottish Highland Games on June 26 and 27 in Vista, CA.

**Susan Abernethy** <http://www.sdhhighlandgames.org/>

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### TIME CAPSULE

We are asking for your suggestions for items to be included in the Time Capsule which will be installed as part of the Leslie's Cross. The Order of Service Booklet includes all the names of the donors as well as the Dedication Service and it will be printed on a special material to prevent its deterioration in the capsule. One of the things we thought of including was a set of 2011 UK coins. Electronic and photographic material is difficult and expensive to include.

**David Leslie from Leslie**

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### APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>. TARTAN DAY

April 6th is Tartan Day in Canada and the United States. This date was chosen as it is the date that the Declaration of Arborath was signed. This Declaration was Scotland's declaration of independence from

England. John Prebble, in his book *The Lion of the North*, stated that "The Declaration of Arborath was and has been unequalled in its eloquent plea for the liberty of man. From the darkness of medieval minds it shone a torch upon future struggles which its signatories could not have seen or understood." Prebble noted that there are two points that make this declaration "the most important document in Scottish history":

"Firstly, it set the will and the wishes of the people above the King." In other words, there was no "divine right of kings." That kings served the people, and that kings could be made by selection and not necessarily by birth.

"Secondly, the manifesto affirmed the nation's independence in a way no battle could, and justified it with a truth that is beyond nation and race. Man has a right to freedom and a duty to defend it with his life."

I will quote from page 27 of *Grip Fast: The Leslies in History* by Alexander Leslie Klieforth who wrote most eloquently:

*"In 1320 eight earls and 31 of the great barons and major clergy of Scotland, among them [Baron] Andrew Leslie, sent a letter to Pope John XXII, known as the Declaration of Arborath. It is a revolutionary assertion by a nation of people of their desire for freedom and the right to choose their own government and is a statement of the leadership of Scotland about their country and its aspirations, and as a political document it ranks in purpose and power of language with the American Declaration of Independence. In ringing Latin prose it set forth certain claims and affirmations. It asks the Pope to urge the King of England to desist from his designs on their nation, to "leave us Scots in peace, who live in this poor little Scotland . . .and covet nothing but our own." It states the will of the people for independence:*

*'As long as but a hundred of us remain alive never will we be under any condition be brought under English rule.*

*It is in truth, not for glory, nor riches, nor honour that we are fighting, but for freedom - for that alone which no honest man give up but with life itself.'*

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## CHINNUBBIE MCINTOSH



The portrait of William McIntosh, half-Creek, half-Scottish, hangs in the Alabama Archives in Montgomery, Alabama. His great great grandson, Chinnubbie McIntosh was a Creek district judge and served on the Creek Council. His father Waldo McIntosh served as principal chief of the Creek Nation from 1961 to 1971.

These photos were taken at the Tulsa Oklahoma Scottish Festival & Highland Games a few years ago.



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## UPDATE ON THE HARLAW GATHERING

Thanks to David Leslie, the production of the new ruby red granite Leslie's Cross is underway and will be installed at the Chapel of the Garioch soon. The Dedication Ceremony and the service honouring the Leslies of the Battle of Harlaw has been designed and the Dedication Booklet which will be sent to every donor is almost

ready to go to print. David has also arranged bus transportation to get us to the Harlaw Monument, to the Chapel and then to the Dinner. A small charge for this transportation will be collected from those using this service, to pay for the bus.

David has also designed a very interesting four day tour for the 24 or so members who are staying in Aberdeenshire after the Harlaw events. David has been busy getting a good deal from a local bus company and has also arranged some interesting places for lunch. The cost per person for the bus will be about £70, and everyone will buy his or her lunches. The guides will be very knowledgeable volunteers.

Thanks to Sebastian and Candida Leslie, the Clan Leslie Dinner has been arranged at Warhill Castle and we have about 60 people attending. The cost per person for the Clan Leslie Gathering Dinner is £30, everything included.

The travellers, mostly North Americans will be staying at the Leslie Castles of Warhill and Lickleyhead with some staying at the Lilyoak B&B in Auchleven.

This will be a great week for those who are participating in the Dedication Ceremony, the Dinner and the four days of tours. If anyone has not received the latest details of the events, or has just decided to travel to Aberdeenshire to participate in these historic events, send me a message.

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## HARLAW HISTORY AND LESLIE CASTLES

If you want to study the history of the Battle of Harlaw and learn about the Leslies of Sir Andrew Leslie's family in 1411, or the Leslie Castles in Aberdeenshire, why not read the history for yourself in Colonel Leslie's Records of the Family of Leslie, 1067 to 1868-9. Maybe this should be required reading for those lucky enough to be going on the Leslie Tours in July.

Here are a couple of samples from Volume I

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### THE DISTRICT OF THE GARIOCH

The Garioch is a fertile district in Aberdeenshire of which the principal town is Inverurie, situated on a point of land between the rivers Urie and Don, about fifteen miles north-west from Aberdeen. It is bounded on the south by the river Don, which separates it from the district of Mar: and the east and north by Fortmartine, and the hills of Foundland: and on the west by the river Bogie. It is watered by the rivers Don, Urie, and Gadie, and is overlooked by the beautiful conical hill of Bennachie, which lies in the parishes of Oyne, Premnay, and Chapel of Garioch.

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About a mile to the east of the parish church is the battlefield of Harlaw, fought 24<sup>th</sup> July 1411, between the Royal forces under Alexander Stewart, Earl of Mar, Sir Andrew Leslie, third Baron of Balquhain, who commanded the horse, Sir Alexander Irvine of Drum, and other distinguished leaders, and 10,000 Highlanders, who lost the chiefs of Maclean and Macintosh, and 900 men. On the Royal side the loss was also great, including Sir Andrew Irvine of Drum, Provost Davidson of Aberdeen, and no less than six sons of Sir Andrew Leslie, third Baron of Balquhain. A cross was erected on the place where the Leslies fell, and was called Leslie's Cross from this circumstance.

Volume III has a complete index of all three volumes at the back. So you can go to that volume and search any Leslie Castle, or any other topic that interests you.

All three volumes are available on Google Books at the address below.

[http://www.google.com/search?tbo=p&tbm=bks&q=+bibliogroup:%22Historical+Records+of+the+Family+of+Leslie+from+1067+to+1868-9%22&source=gbs\\_metadata\\_r&cad=8](http://www.google.com/search?tbo=p&tbm=bks&q=+bibliogroup:%22Historical+Records+of+the+Family+of+Leslie+from+1067+to+1868-9%22&source=gbs_metadata_r&cad=8)

Thanks to the generous donors to the Leslie's Cross of 2011, we will be honouring these Leslie soldiers in July.

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## SECRETARY/REGISTRAR NEEDED BY THE CLSI

Rebecca Chase Dobias, our Secretary/Registrar has asked to resign for health reasons. Hence, we need a new Secretary/Registrar. The duties are essentially as follows:

"The Secretary/Registrar shall keep records of Society proceedings, maintain correspondence files of the Society, receive and process applications for membership and notify applicants of their enrolment, and maintain current membership records."

Personal Computer skills are required, and some familiarity with Microsoft Access is desirable. We will of course make this program available.

If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact me.

**David Leslie White, Chieftain, CLSI**

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## 2012 CLAN LESLIE GATHERING, LOON MOUNTAIN RESORT, LINCOLN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Make plans to join us for the 2012 Clan Leslie Society International Gathering, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Highland Games in Lincoln, NH. Traditionally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of September, the New Hampshire Highland Games are the largest Scottish cultural festival in the Northeast. These games also have a tradition of outstanding entertainment (You can see their 2011 entertainment line-up on their web site as a reference). Although dates for the 2012 games have not been announced, I will let everyone know the dates as soon as they are available.



Lincoln, New Hampshire is tucked away in the scenic White Mountains, making it the perfect venue for our gathering. To find out more about the New Hampshire Highland Games, please visit: <http://www.nhscot.org>. For more information about other attractions in the Lincoln (and nearby Woodstock) New Hampshire area visit <http://www.lincolnwoodstock.com/vacation/attractions.php>

And of course, I'll be posting updates to this event and others on our Facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=696321738&ref=ts#!/group.php?gid=155937880572&ref=ts>

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## NEXT PUBLICATIONS TO MEMBERS

April 2011 – *Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*

May 2011 – *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

June 2011 – *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

July 2011 – *Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*

August 2011 – *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

We do need Griffin stories. These are usually well researched stories which include references and sources preferably illustrated with some photographs.

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## CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL – SCHOLARSHIPS

CLSI is offering scholarships to our members. We have 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 all scholarships must be a member or inceptor member of CLSI. For more information contact:

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**CLAN LESLIE ITEMS FROM THE QUARTERMASTER  
PETER M. LESLIE, QUARTERMASTER, CLSI**



Clan Leslie items for sale are listed on our clan website, [www.clanlesliesociety.org](http://www.clanlesliesociety.org) Click on the Leslie Badges, Crests and Flags link. The list of items includes a description, price, and photo along with how to order. All prices are in \$US and include postage and packaging. The Clan Leslie items now available for sale are listed below. The Griffin Reprints, First Series No. 1, is SOLD OUT.

- 1) Grip Fast - The Leslies in History, a beautifully hardbound book, detailing the Leslie clan from its inception (290 pages), authored by Alexander Leslie Klieforth and signed by our Clan Chief, The Honorable Alexander Leslie. Price \$66.00
- 2) Post Cards-Two 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 notes. Please specify which style you prefer. \$5.00 for a package of 25 post cards.
- 3) Grip Fast Pin -- \$3.00
- 4) Grip Fast Patch -- \$3.00

The post cards were developed by Laura Messing and can be used by members to tell family and friends of upcoming Scottish events, to recruit prospective CLSI members and to help increase interest in all events Scottish. Also, a free packet of "giveaway" postcards is available for those Conveners/Tent Hosts who host a CLSI tent.

Payment should be made to Linda Flowers, CLSI Treasurer,  
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**THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER**

**This *Grip Fast Online* is your newsletter. Send us your stories and pictures.** The Clan Leslie Society International is made up of a dedicated group of people whose main objective is to preserve Clan Leslie history and to create fellowship among members of this ancient and historic family. The publications of the CLSI, the *Grip Fast Online*, the *Griffin* and the *Grip Fast*, *Journal of the CLSI*, collect, communicate and preserve Leslie historical stories. The Society promotes Gatherings of Clan members so that they can meet their distant cousins, meet the Clan and Society leaders and share family stories. The Clan Leslie Society also provides leadership in preserving family history through the growing Clan Leslie Collection in the Library of the University of Guelph. The commitment to offer academic and Scottish arts studies scholarships has helped young Clan members to join in celebrating their heritage. Officers of the Society are joining the effort to make sure that Leslie soldiers killed in one of the most significant battles in Scottish history, the Battle of Harlaw, are not forgotten. The Society is active and vibrant and needs your participation.

The *Grip Fast Online* is sent to many individuals who have shown an interest in the Clan Leslie. We know that if you are reading this that you have an interest in the ancient and distinguished history of the Leslie family. Why not send us your stories and pictures and help expand and preserve the recorded history of the Society?

Check to see the vacancies where you can serve the CLSI and make a difference. Convenors are needed for various Regions in the USA and Canada. A Registrar/Secretary is needed and I could use help with our publications.

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