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## THE LESLIE TENT AT THE ABOYNE GAMES IN ABERDEENSHIRE SATURDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011.



Leslie Preparing the Feast



Petra, and Brian Lesslie Helping Leslie

Leslie and I, having attended the 2010 Aboyne Games as guests of David Irvine of Drum, hereditary Chief of Clan Irvine, were so impressed with the organisation and running of the Aboyne Games especially the arrangements for Clans, that we decided to sponsor a Leslie Clan Tent at the 2011 Games if space was available.

Having written to the Games Secretary expressing my wish to reserve a tent for 2011, I was advised it would be early in 2011 before it would be known if all the Clans already with tent space would be taking up their existing options.



Fit for a King

Fortunately, one of the Clans decided not to continue attending the Games and Clan Leslie was offered the vacancy.

As previously mentioned, we had been in the Clan area the year before and had noted how the other Clans were represented and showcased to the public, which greatly helped us in our preparations. Brian and Petra Lesslie, who had attended the events following the Dedication of the Leslie's Cross on the 24<sup>th</sup> July, and with previous experience of organising Leslie Clan Tents from other events, offered to help us at Aboyne, and Leslie and I gratefully accepted their offer.

The day of the 6<sup>th</sup> August, to our surprise, broke bright and sunny and we set off at 8.00 am for the 45 minute drive to Aboyne, the 4 x 4 groaning under the weight of the items we thought would be necessary for the day. We arrived at our tent just before 9.00 am and unloaded the additional tables and chairs needed over and above the 2 tables and 10 chairs provided with the tent. Brian and Petra arrived soon after. Once we had decided on the most efficient layout we set about preparing the tent for the 10.00 am opening time of the Games.

We had noted from the previous year that the other Clans used the event to provide refreshments and food over lunch

time for visiting members of their Clan and not to be out done Leslie prepared an excellent table which included smoked salmon paté and Brussels paté, crusty bread, biscuits and 3 types of cheese, pork and pickle pies, cocktail sausages, tomatoes, olives, gherkins, crisps, strawberries, cake and shortbread. During the day we had 54+ people visit, but unfortunately no Leslies. Brian and I agreed that because the Games were only 2 weeks after the Dedication Service many Leslies had planned their visit to Scotland to fit in with this important Clan event and had gone home by the 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Apart from a 3 minute shower of rain mid-afternoon the day remained sunny and warm and the lack of Leslies did not dampen our spirits or enjoyment of the day in any way. We even managed to sell 3 copies of Alex Leslie Klieforth's book to non-Leslies. All in all we had a successful day and at least showed a Leslie presence at one of the major Highland Games in the North-East of Scotland. Next year we hope to see more Leslies in attendance.



**Brian Giving Visitors a Leslie History Lesson**

**David Leslie from Leslie**

#### 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALMA HIGHLAND FESTIVAL – ALMA, MICHIGAN, MAY 27-29, 2011



**Rosemary Leslie, Carol and Paul Leslie of  
Moores Hill, Indiana, David Leslie**

The location of the Clan Gathering Area is immediately adjacent to the field for the Pipe Band competition.

The 2011 Alma Highland Games and Scottish Festival were blessed with mild temperatures and sunshine during the entire weekend which resulted in improved attendance and enthusiasm. David and Rosemary Leslie hosted the Clan Leslie tent on Saturday and enjoyed greeting an increased number of new visitors to the tent as well as our "regulars".



**Faithful Visitor, Ryan Chavez and Becky  
Spaulding of Grand Rapids, Michigan.**





**The Champion Peel Regional Police Pipe Band Passes the Clan Leslie Tent**

The featured Pipe Band, the Peel Regional Police Pipe Band (from Mississauga, Ontario), won the United States Pipe Band Championship for Grade 1 in the March Strathspey and Reel on Saturday. Congratulations also to the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders (Whitby, Ontario) for first place in the Medley Event. The Alma College Pipe Band made their public debut at the games and will begin entering Grade 5 competitions in the fall of 2011.

Late in the day, the Clan Relations Coordinator informed us that the new (2010) President of Alma College is Dr. Jeff Abernathy. We were disappointed we were not able to meet him, but will make an effort to

do so next year!

**David Leslie from Canton, Michigan**

## **GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES, NORTH CAROLINA JULY 7 TO 10, 2011.**



**Don Abernathy, Riley Lanier, Col. Francis Leslie**  
in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The weather was good, a cool 72 degrees and the skies were clear until Sunday morning when you would have thought we were in Scotland, cold, foggy and damp. This cleared up around noon and everything went as scheduled.



**Don and Janice Abernathy Tent Hosts for the  
56th Grandfather Games in North Carolina**

is a life member, stopped by the tent. Jim Walters, CEO and President of the Caledonia Kitchen, producer of the finest haggis in North America also stopped by.

We in the Southern area are fortunate to have some of the best pipers in the nation. Riley Lanier from Charleston, a fine young man who is a recipient of the first scholarship to piping school is still competing and doing well. He comes to most of the games. The Games played host to 165 clan tents. I think this may be a record. All in all, the 2011 Games were a smashing success.

The Highland Games held this year at Grandfather Mountain, were as usual, spectacular. We signed up four new members, Ginny Abernathy, Teresa Leslie Bowman, and sisters Bertha and Arlene Abernathy. For the first time that I can remember, we saw more Abernathys and Abernethys than Moores and Leslies. After we set up, we were serenaded by Mr. Jordan Cannady of Clan Kennedy. He came by each day and gave us a short concert and it was enjoyed by all.

The Games connect to our Clan in that the voice of "Grandfather" is our own Bill Leslie of Raleigh, NC, and the

Chaplain of the games is Dr. Robert Leslie Holmes born



**New Members Bertha (left) and Arlene  
(right) Abernathy with Don Abernathy.**

Along with four new members, we had one member renew his

membership. The games will be hosted next year by Lew and Christine Johnson. Janice and I will continue to help when and where needed but after about 18 years we need a

rest. Col. Francis W. Leslie, from Alexandria, Virginia, who



**Balladeer Jordan Cannady Sings for  
Janice Abernathy**

**Don Abernathy**

**BANGOR, COUNTY DOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND  
JULY 13, 2011**



Far Left, George Leslie, far right, Deputy Lord Mayor of Bangor, Alan Leslie, Center of front row, their Mother Joan Leslie to the right of Margaret Leslie Kelley

and brother of George. Alan is the Deputy Lord Mayor of Bangor and is wearing his gold chain of office. Their mother, Joan Leslie, my sister-in-law, is sitting on the right of me in the front row. The two men in the back row are the brothers, Thomas and Jim Leslie. There are lots of other Leslies in the family picture.

My granddaughters wanted to meet their Irish Leslie relatives we had a wonderful time and the Irish humour was so delightful.

We held a Leslie family reunion in Bangor, Northern Ireland this summer. The pictures show George at one end in his kilt and his wife, Lesley Leslie. At the far end is Alan Leslie my nephew



Margaret Leslie Kelley with her Nephew, George Leslie

**Margaret Leslie Kelley, Sandusky, Ohio**

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**2011 UPCOMING 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.

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**KANSAS**

**SEPTEMBER 24-25, McPherson**

Tom Huxtable will be hosting a Clan tent at the McPherson Scottish Festival in McPherson, KS on Sept. 24

**NORTH CARILINA**

**OCTOBER 1, Laurinburg**

Lew and Chris Johnson will host a CLSI tent at the 3rd annual Scotland County Highland Games on Saturday, October 1, at Laurinburg North Carolina. This event will be held on the grounds of the John Blue Home and Historical Complex in Laurinburg, Scotland County. This location is near Cape Fear and Pee Dee regions of the Carolinas which were home to the largest settlement of Highland Scots in North America. For details and directions, go to the games website at [www.schgnc.org](http://www.schgnc.org)

**GEORGIA**

**OCTOBER 15-16, Stone Mountain**

The Cathy and Terry Duling will sponsor a tent at the Stone Mountain Games October 15 & 16, 2011

<http://www.smhq.org/>



## TEXAS

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

**NOVEMBER 12-13, Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games.**

<http://www.ctam-salado.org/>

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### 50TH ANNUAL SALADO SCOTTISH CLAN GATHERING & HIGHLAND GAMES

Dear CLSI Members:

The date for the 50th Annual Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games will be November 12th and 13th, 2011 in Salado, Texas. This year the event will again be at the Salado Civic Center on North Main Street. Salado is located on Interstate 35, about 8 miles south of Belton and 50 miles north of Austin. This event has grown over the years and attracts many visitors, vendors, pipe bands, Highland dancers and Scottish athletes. Hours will be 9 AM to 5 PM Saturday and 9 AM to 3 PM Sunday. Starting at 5:30 (weather permitting) there will be a Tattoo on College Hill, immediately south of down town Salado. Bring your own chairs and flashlights.

The town of Salado has some excellent shopping opportunities in case you need to get some Christmas shopping done. Mid-November usually produces some excellent cool weather and fall color, but with the drought the colors may be muted this year.

Frank and Lynne Leslie will host the CLSI tent on both days. Please drop by and visit for a bit and celebrate our shared heritage. If you can volunteer for an hour or so, your assistance will be appreciated! We can always use help greeting visitors and tell them about Clan Leslie and our Society. Best of all would be if you can march with us in the opening parade! The opening parade is usually at 12 noon on Saturday.

Hope to see you there! You aren't just invited, you are expected!

Yours Aye,

**David Leslie White, Chieftain, Clan Leslie Society International** [clanleslie@earthlink.net](mailto:clanleslie@earthlink.net)

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### TWO MORE TRAGEDIES INVOLVING CLAN LESLIE SHIPS

The SS Clan Leslie was built by Clan Line Steamers Ltd., which was founded in 1878 by Charles Cayzer (the first of the Cayzer Baronets). The company operated in London and Glasgow. The SS Clan Leslie was one of the company's fleet of freighters and passenger liners, most of which were named after Clans. The SS Clan Leslie was built in 1902 and was sunk by an Austro-Hungarian torpedo November 4, 1916, about 200 miles Southeast of Malta. The ship was returning to London from Bombay (Mumbai), India. She was not carrying a military cargo. Three hands lost their lives.

The submarine that launched the attack was the German built UB-43 which was sold to the Austrians and renumbered the U-43. As such, she sank 22 ships between her launch on April 8, 1916 and being decommissioned on July 21, 1917. She was one of six Austro Hungarian submarines assigned to the Mediterranean. The U-43 was ceded to France as war reparations and broken up by the French after the war. More can be learned about the U-43 on Wikipedia. Cayzer and Irvine Ltd. lost 69 ships, many named after Clans, during the First World War.

#### The Earliest Known SS Grip Fast

As the research into one ship named Gripfast led to a second of the same name, additional research has surfaced yet another SS Grip Fast. My previous story about two ships named SS Gripfast failed to point out that the Clan's motto is actually two words...Grip Fast. The two ships noted in a previous story were identified as Gripfast, and a search of the two-word motto surfaced a third ship, the SS Grip Fast, built in 1883. The British cargo steamer had a compound expansion engine, single iron screw and single boiler. It was built in Aberdeen by the Hall and Russell & Co. for William Leslie of the Leslie Steamship Co. Sadly, later that same year the ship sank off the Solent, a stretch of sea separating the Isle of Wight from the mainland of England. The ship sank as the result of an explosion bringing about the loss of two lives.

Some additional credits are important for the research into these ships. CLSI member Tim Leslie provided a great deal of the background on these ships. Keith Greenaway whose website <http://www.ss-tregenna.co.uk/> provided useful information and Dr. Jonathan Hicks author of the recently published historical mystery novel 'The Dead of Mametz' introduced us to the research sites and researchers.

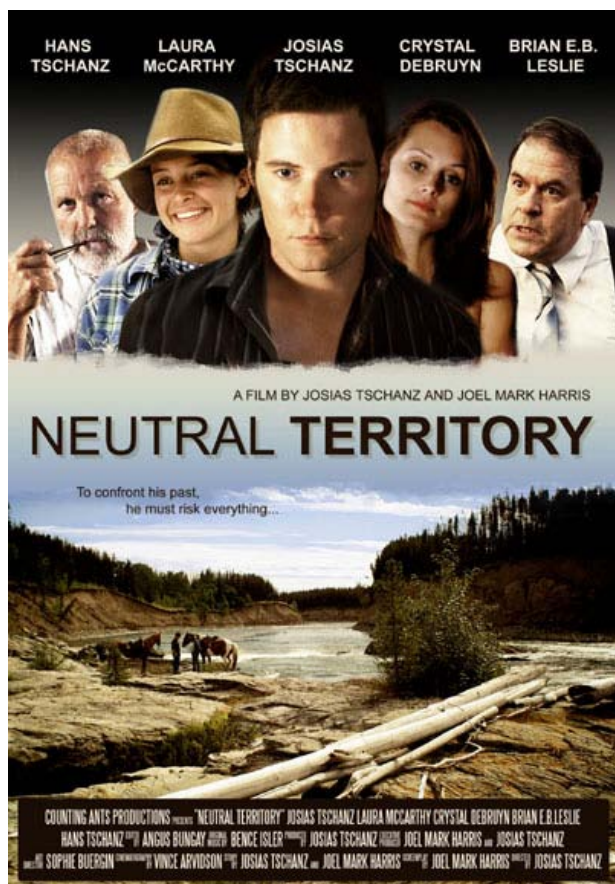
Some research produced additional insights into the ships. One item explains how the SS Gripfast which was named in 1948 is connected to the Clan Leslie. The Newbigin SS. Co Ltd purchased a ship from the Stanhope SS Co Ltd and renamed it Gripfast. According to Tim Leslie's research the renaming reflected the desire of the owner, Edward Richmond Newbigin, to commemorate the family of his grandmother, Mary Ann

Lesslie. This ship saw service with the company until 1960. After several more name changes over the years the ship sank while under tow in December 1967.

The story of the sinking of the Pandora in 1951 and the role of the SS Gripfast in the attempted rescue provides some interesting reading into the hazards of life on the sea. **Edmund Leslie** [gripfast@me.com](mailto:gripfast@me.com)

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## BRIAN LESLIE IN THE MOVIES



**September 11, 2011**

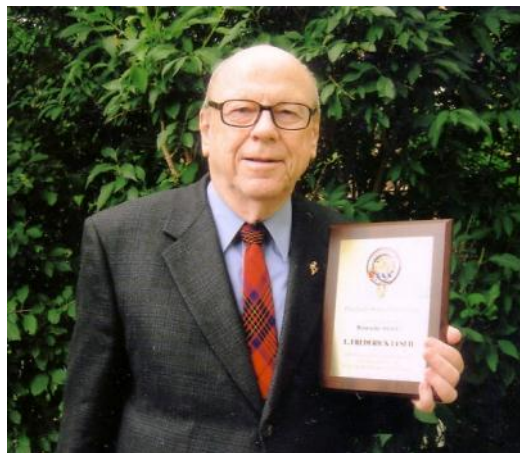
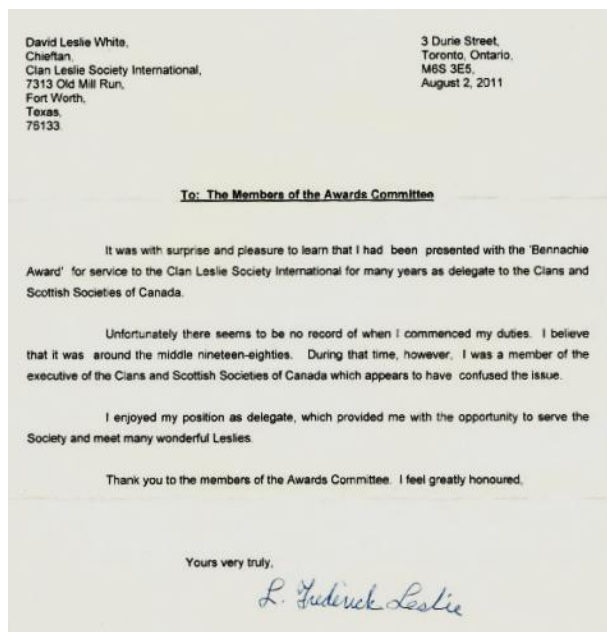
Two great premiere nights for me. Last night was sold out for "Neutral Territory" and the night before "Red Hat Cowboy" was a hit as well. Yippee!

My brother Brian has two new movies making the rounds. This one was shown at the Buffalo and Niagara Film Festival and in Times Square as well as this opening in Vancouver.

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## FRED LESLIE PRESENTED THE BENNACHIE AWARD





## TWO LESLIE WEDDINGS IN MY FAMILY- WILLIAM LESLIE

**Toronto, August 8, 2011**

My niece, Fleur Leslie, daughter of Alec and Edith Leslie of Toronto, married Dinesh Mahtani in a Hindu wedding ceremony in Toronto. This unique experience for me was especially interesting because the bride and the groom's parents were so very involved in the entire ceremony. Fleur and Dinesh both live in Toronto.



Mr. Mahtani, Edith, Alec, Fleur, Dinesh and the Hindu Priest



Edith, Debbie Rotz, Dinesh, Fleur, Alec, Sue and William

## **Sedona, Arizona, August 20**

Our daughter, Margaret Leslie married Jeritt Hemeon in the Chapel in Tlapaqueue Village and we took wedding pictures at the Holy Cross Chapel. The entire group of thirteen of us travelled to Sedona and stayed a week to visit the Grand Canyon and other sites. Our group consisted of Jeritt's mom, Donna, his sister Michelle and his three children, Logan, Hunter and Isabella, Meg and her two boys, Thomas and Tait, Sue and William, our daughter Rosemary and her husband Erik Foisy. Some of Meg's friends from Phoenix and Ontario also attended. Tait Leslie Goos played Mari's Wedding on his new bagpipes and wore his new Leslie kilt. Meg and Jeritt drove the children, her two boys and Jeritt's two boys and little daughter to the beach at Los Angeles for surfing lessons. Jeritt's son Logan was stung by a sting ray and when asked later what the best part of the whole trip was, he said that being stung was the most fun. Logan was treated by the "Bay Watch" lifeguards and he felt like a TV star.

**William Leslie**



Michelle, Donna, Hunter, Logan, Jeritt and Bella Hemeon, Meg Leslie, Thomas and Tait Goos, William, Sue and Rosemary Leslie, Erik Foisy at the Chapel of the Holy Cross



Tait Leslie Goos, Piper



Wedding in Tlapaqueue Village Chapel

## DAVID LESLIE APPOINTED THE BAILLIE OF BALQUHAIN

David Leslie has been appointed the Baron Baillie for the Barony of Balquhain. Dr. Ying, Baron of Balquhain has announced that "David Leslie from Leslie has honoured me and the Barony of Balquhain by officially accepting this appointment on 9 September 2011. The Baron and Barony of Balquhain now have a resident representative in Scotland."

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## ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH EAST BRANCH OF THE CLSI

Don Leslie was a presenter at the recent Scotch-Irish symposium in York, SC. The presentation is scheduled to be printed in an upcoming publication of the Scotch Irish Journal. Don found the grave markers of the two original Leslie brothers who settled in Abbeville, SC and has been able to document their leading role in the establishment of the Long Cane Creek Cemetery where generations of Leslies are buried.

Minutes of the SE Branch Clan Leslie Society - October 17, 2010

- The meeting was called to order by Tim Sering, President SE Branch, Clan Leslie Society International.
- Present were the Sering and Leslie families.
- No Meeting was held in October 2009 as only the Tent Sponsors were remaining at meeting time.
- Steve Leslie will sponsor the Charleston Games September 17, 2011.  
Eric Duling will look into the possibility of sponsoring Games in NC.  
The Dulings will sponsor Stone Mountain Games October 15 & 16, 2011
- An invitation is given to all SE Leslies to attend the Games and help with sponsorships.
- Tim Sering will attempt to reclaim some Leslie Tent display items that were left in the possession of a Clan member at the Loch Norman Games in April 2010.
- Cathy Duling has agreed to serve as President of SE Branch CLSI. Her email address is [gwinnethv@yahoo.com](mailto:gwinnethv@yahoo.com)
- Eric Duling agreed to serve as Secretary. His email address is [dulingbanjos@triad.rr.com](mailto:dulingbanjos@triad.rr.com)
- A special "Thank You" was given to Tim Sering for serving as President for the past 2 years.
- Also, special thanks to Cathy and Terry Duling for sponsoring the 2010 Stone Mountain Games at the last minute. Otherwise there would not have been a Leslie Tent this year.

Respectfully submitted,

**Marian Leslie, Secretary**

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## REMEMBER, MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW

Membership dues for Clan Leslie Society International are now due. Invoices have been emailed or mailed to all members. Dues this year are \$25. Several of you have already paid dues this year and you will not owe dues again. If you have any questions or can't remember if you paid dues this year, please contact me. Linda Flowers, Treasurer 405-381-3577 [lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net)

**Linda Flowers, Treasurer**

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## ACCOUNTING FOR THE HARLAW MEMORIAL FUND

Thanks to all the generous donors, all the bills have been paid and we have a surplus of £2,453 or \$3,909. We will be looking for another similar project and would like input from donors.

Through David Leslie's work we have discovered Sir Andrew Leslie's gravesite and would like to do something to repair this site. David will have discussions with Heritage Scotland to see what they will allow us to do at the site. It would be a good project to rebuild the little chapel that Lady Leslie built on Sir Andrew's grave in 1420, or some representation of it. We could at least put up a plaque at this long neglected site.

See details of funds donated and the expenses paid for the Leslie's Cross, the Time Capsule and the Dedication Ceremony at the Leslie Chapel of North East Scotland at Chapel of the Garioch.

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FUNDS RAISED & EXPENDITURES FOR LESLIE'S CROSS & DEDICATION CEREMONY					
FUNDS IN SCOTLAND			DONATIONS	EXPENSES	SUB-TOTALS
	£ GBP	£ GBP	£ GBP		
Clan Leslie Memorial Fund Accounts					
Donations received from Scotland	3,235.00			Total Donations	\$9,076.00
Donations received from England	250.00				
Donations transferred from Canada, USA and Europe	3,932.03			Transferred to Scotland	-6,500.00
Donations transferred from Australia and New Zealand	384.66				
Donations transferred from New Zealand	462.30				
Refund of VAT from Monument Grant	876.80				
Balance from Tour Events A/C	1.50				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED</b>	<b>9,142.29</b>		£9,142.29	<b>NET FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,576.00</b>
EXPENSES				EXPENSES	
New Leslie's Cross Memorial in Ruby Granite		-5,250.80			
Purchase of Time Capsule		-354.00			
<b>Sub Total Monument &amp; Time Capsule</b>			-5,604.80		
Printing Costs of Dedication Booklet		-1,096.32			
Dispatching Booklets to Canada, Postage and Sundries		-204.93		Mailing Booklets In US	
<b>Sub Total Dedication Booklet</b>			-1,301.25	& Canada	-292.66
Hire of Village Hall		-50.00			
Donation to Guild for Serving Teas and Coffees in Village Hall		-100.00			
Donation to Blairdaff and Chapel of Garioch Church		-250.00			
Church Officer		-60.00			
Church Organist		-60.00			
Warthill House - Dinner for 9 Guests £30.00 x 9 = £270.00		-270.00			
Gift Vouchers to Rev. B. Dobby and Father C. Gabor		-100.00			
<b>Sub Total Dedication Ceremony</b>			-890.00		
Supply and Engraving of Plaque for Leslie Chapel of NE Scotland		-326.08	-326.08		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES SCOTLAND</b>			-8,122.13	<b>EXPENSES US &amp; CANADA</b>	<b>-292.66</b>
<b>BALANCE OF DONATIONS IN HARLAW MEMORIAL FUND</b>			1,020.16		
<b>BALANCE IN SCOTLAND</b>			£1,020.16	<b>BAL IN CLSI ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$2,283.34</b>
At Exchange Rates September 06, 2011			1432.97		1625.59
<b>BALANCE TOTALS IN POUNDS &amp; \$US</b>		£GBP -->	£2,453.13	<b>\$US --&gt;</b>	<b>\$3,908.93</b>

## HARLAW CEREMONY – DEDICATION BOOKLET

The Dedication Booklet which describes the week of events starting with the dedication of the Leslie's Cross monument and detailing the entire ceremony and celebrations has been mailed out to all donors to the Harlaw Memorial Fund. This booklet was printed by a professional printer in colour on high quality paper and the layout and pictures are outstanding. This is a keepsake to remember the historical events in Aberdeenshire in July. Some additional copies of this booklet have been sold at the price of \$10, including mailing costs, to members who wanted to send them to family. See some of the comments from people who have received their Dedication Booklets.

**William Leslie** [william.leslie@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.leslie@sympatico.ca)

Dear William,

I was very happy to receive the beautiful Battle of Harlaw Memorial Dedication booklet. I also enjoyed the latest Gripfast that covered the event in detail. Between the two publications I have a good picture of this very special event in Scotland.

I greatly appreciate your dedication to Clan Leslie and as well the commitment of other members who help keep us united in the preservation of Clan Leslie.

Best wishes,

**Priscilla**

Hello Priscilla;

It is good to hear from you. Sue and I still remember your kindness to us at the 1996 San Diego Gathering when you and your husband drove us all over the place. Thank you for your kind comments. David Leslie in Scotland was a major factor in making the Harlaw events a success. David was also the creator of the Dedication Ceremony, the Dedication Booklet and designer of the Leslie's Cross.

Regards,

**William**

Dear William,

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of the Dedication Booklet indicating the beautiful Memorial Service and all related events in memory of all the Leslies and supporters who fell at the Battle of Harlaw on 24th July, 1411.

Reading through the booklet especially the Hymns and readings in the actual memorial services was very emotionally moving to me, since I was unable to attend the ceremony in person, although I was there in spirit at the special function. I am so glad for you and all the organizers of the events and to those CLSI members who were able to attend and enjoy a very emotionally memorable occasion in memory of our fallen clansmen, especially Sir Andrew Leslie who lost six sons - "what a sacrifice." This was indeed a wonderful experience to remember for all Leslies and their supporters.

In conclusion, thanks a million for forwarding my copy of the Dedication Service. The CLSI is proud of you, and all the Executive members in making a wonderful Memorial Leslie Cross come true.

Kindest regards.

**Richard Ross Leslie now in Vancouver.**

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### **MORE-MOORE FAMILY HISTORY**

Alexander Dykes More was my great grandpa that served in the British Secret Service as an accountant, and he was stationed in Chile. John More my grandpa was born in Chile. After Alexander More's assignment was complete in Chile, he and his family returned to Scotland, but somehow the social security misspelled our last name. Our last name was changed from More to Moore, and Moore became our last name for the next three generations.

John Moore, my grandpa, played for the Kilmarnock Football team for a few years. John Moore was an ambulance driver during the Battle of Britain, during World War II. He was awarded the George Cross for heroism, for running into buildings in Glasgow searching and rescuing people in their homes, while the Germans were dropping their bombs. Shortly after World War II, he and his wife moved to the United States of America. John had a photographic memory, and he had information in his head on Scottish clans from reading about it. He became a Royal Deputy Chief of all the Scottish Clans in New Jersey. He was also part of the council for the Scottish Highland games in New Jersey.

My dad was named after his grandpa "Alexander Dykes Moore". He served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> bomb wing of the U.S. Air force during the Vietnam War. He was a Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force for four years. In the Air force he wasn't a pilot but worked in different jobs throughout his Air Force career. After his career in the Air Force he worked as a banker.

I got all this information about my great grandpa, grandpa, and my dad from my dad.

**John Moore**

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### **IN MEMORY OF MARION MACLENNAN LESLIE RUSSELL**

It is my sad duty to report to you that my mother, Marion MacLennan Leslie Russell, passed on September 11, 2011. My mom was 82 (DOB 8/15/29) and was the sole daughter of Marion (May) MacLennan Leslie and David Lister Leslie. She is survived by her husband James Allan Russell; five children (David, Deborah, Douglas, Diane and Deirdre); 16 grandchildren and a great grandchild. She passed suddenly but peacefully at home in the evening with her husband at her side.

Marion resided at 4 Pine Tree Court, East Quogue, NY 11942. She was also a long time resident of Lindenhurst, NY where she raised her five children.

Services will be held at the Follett & Werner Funeral Home, 60 Mill Rd, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978 (phone 631 288 1231) on Wednesday September 14th at 11am followed by a brief graveside service at the family plot at Nassau Knolls cemetery in Port Washington, NY at 2pm. The family will receive guest at the funeral home beginning at 9am of the day of the services.

Mom was an avid follower of all things Leslie and took great pride in her Scottish heritage. The family will appreciate it greatly if you would let other clan members know of this sad news. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

**Douglas Allan Russell, 604 Tower Mews, Oakdale, NY 11769**



#### IN MEMORY OF JACK LESLIE



**Jack and Jean Leslie on their 65th Wedding Anniversary, wearing their Leslie Tartans. The Piper, David Hongisto is wearing the Alberta Tartan. This Picture was on the Front Cover of the *Grip Fast*, July 2007.**

Jack Leslie was born in Calgary on June 15, 1920. He received his primary and secondary school education in Calgary and attended the University of Alberta. At the start of the war he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and served five years as a pilot and flying instructor, training hundreds of men. In May, 1942 Jack married the love of his life, Jean Logan of Calgary. After his discharge, he obtained his AACI degree and joined his father in J.C. Leslie & Co., one of the first real estate firms in Calgary. Jack was an Honourary Life Member of the Calgary Real Estate Board. Jack was an avid fisherman and in 1952 he fulfilled a lifelong dream when he and Jean built a fishing camp at Kootenay Crossing on freehold land in Kootenay National Park, doing most of the work himself. In 1959 Jack went back to the real estate business. In 1962 he was elected as an Alderman for Ward 4 in the City of Calgary. In 1965 Jack became the first native-born mayor of Calgary. He was responsible building walking trails and Calgary's extensive parkway path system. During his term, major low-cost housing projects and City Trails were created. He established the City of Calgary Transportation and Aviation Authority, and the airport underwent major expansion.

Jack is survived by his wife of sixty-nine years, Jean; daughters Kathleen Leslie (and her daughter Kristina Mackid), Marilyn Brown (husband Eric, and sons Sean Griffin and Spencer Brown), and Fay Leslie (children Jaimie and Madeleine Bourgeois); also his sister Kathleen Hyatt, brothers George and Gordon; and many nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, January 9, 2011 at the Calgary Golf and Country Club.

#### IN MEMORY OF MICHELLE ANNE EDWARDS AUGUSTINE

Michelle Anne Edwards Augustine, 44, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born Dec. 31, 1966. Michelle began her battle with breast cancer in 2007, and through her courage, her optimism and her abiding Christian faith, she touched many hearts and lives and brought them closer to God. She will be remembered for her generous spirit, her passion for life and her love of others. Her great loves were her husband, her family, her four Vizslas, fishing and shopping with friends. She was the beloved wife of Jerry Augustine of Wonder Lake, Illinois; the dearly loved daughter of Michael and Annie Windstrup; and the much-loved sister of Kevin Windstrup.

#### IN MEMORY OF COL. FRANK BLAKELY JERNIGAN

Col. Frank Blakely Jernigan, U.S. Army Reserve (Ret.) 90, and husband of 67 years to Sara Baker Jernigan, died Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at his home. Born May 30, 1920, in Marion, SC, he was the only child of Levi Franklin Jernigan and Sara Young Jernigan. He spent his early years in Fairfield County. He joined the Methodist church there in 1929. He received his formal education at Mt. Zion Institute in Winnsboro, SC, and at The Citadel. In 1942 he volunteered for active duty with the U.S. Army. He served throughout the war in the Pacific Ocean area and for a time afterward in the continental U.S. After active duty he remained in the Army Reserve for a total of 32 years. He was also a retired Civil Engineer and was employed by several construction companies. Col. Jernigan was an active member of the Official Board at Aldersgate United Methodist Church for many years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 15 for 64 years and was a past commander. He was also a life member of the VFW, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Lions Club, and was a charter member of the Sumter Genealogical Society. Survivors include his wife of Sumter; one son, Billy (Celia) Jernigan of Columbia; two daughters, Frankie (Bob) Abbott of Leesville, and Peggy Russ of Charleston; five grandchildren, Bobby (Pam) Abbott, Patrick (Patti) Abbott, Cathy (Clayton) Rash, Amanda Jernigan, and Blake Jernigan; and four great-grandchildren.

## JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS, A SPECIAL SALE ON THE LESLIE HISTORY BOOK

Again this year, we are offering a special Christmas price for the book *Grip Fast: The Leslies in History* by Alexander Leslie Klieforth. This book is an excellent source of Leslie history and is autographed by our Clan Chief, The Honorable Alexander Leslie. The special price is \$59 which includes shipping. **The special runs from November 1-December 15.**

This book will be an excellent gift for your Leslie relatives! We accept PayPal (use [lflowers1954@yahoo.com](mailto:lflowers1954@yahoo.com) as the PayPal address), check in \$US funds drawn on a US bank, money order, International Postal Money Order, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. If you pay by credit card, I need the card type, name on card, card number, expiration date, and 3 digit CVS code on the back. To order a book, contact me and when payment is received our quartermaster will ship you the book. Christmas is approaching so take advantage of this special. Linda Flowers, 302 SW 3rd St., Tuttle, OK 73089, 405-381-3577, [lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net)

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## MEMBERS OVER 85 YEARS OF AGE

Did you know that if you have been a member of Clan Leslie Society International for at least 10 years and reach the age of 85, the CLSI will continue your membership without further payment of annual dues?

**Contact Linda Flowers**

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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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## CLAN LESLIE ON FACEBOOK

Have you checked out our Facebook page lately? If you haven't, you're missing out on some great posts by Clan Leslie Society members, and other Leslies who are not members. You don't have to have a Facebook account to view the posts, events and photos, but you DO have to have an account to contribute to the page. It does not take the place of our web site, or our newsletters, but is rather a compliment to each. Say, for example, you are hosting a Leslie event and you'd like to get the word out about it. You can simply go to our Facebook page (via the link at the end of this article) and add a small blurb about the name, time and place of your event. After the event, you can upload photos or videos to show everyone what a great time the Leslies had. If you don't feel confident uploading your information to our page, simply email me the event or photos you'd like to add and I'll be happy to do it for you.



Our group page is checked almost daily by me to make sure there are no inappropriate entries or discussion topics. The main thing I need from other members, especially those not on the council, are their announcements for upcoming venues and festivals where Leslie tents or events will take place. This will eliminate guesswork as to where Leslie tents will be and encourage more people to come out and participate. Members can add their own information to the page, but most feel it's easier to send their announcements to me for inclusion to the list of events.

The fact that members can add content to our page and really keep in touch



instantly is a phenomenal thing. It's another way we can let people know we're here and that our society is active and fun. I think you will also enjoy all of the posts and photos from your fellow kinsmen.

Google "Clan Leslie Society International" and the fifth entry down is this: "Clan Leslie Society International/Facebook." Clan Leslie Society International is the official Clan Leslie organization and your place to connect with Leslie kinsmen from around the globe. [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=155937880572](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=155937880572) Click on the link and you can access the page. To add comments or to connect with other Leslies who use the page, you need to become a member of Facebook. This is easy and free, just go to <http://www.facebook.com/> and fill out the brief information panel on the home page. That's it! Even if you don't want to have an actual Facebook page, joining gives you complete access to connect with other Leslies via the CLSI page.

To include your event on the CLSI Facebook page:

Send your information to:

**Laura Sawyer Messing**, [designinvasion@gmail.com](mailto:designinvasion@gmail.com)

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## NEXT PUBLICATIONS TO MEMBERS

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

November 2011 – *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

December 2011 – *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

January 2012 – *Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*.

February 2012 – *The Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

March 2012 – *The Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

April 2012 – *The Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*

May 2012 – *The Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

Please continue to send us your stories. We are recording **your history** and we cannot do it without your input. Send us stories and pictures of your Scottish ancestors or your North American family; we really need them. Note the number of different clan members who have contributed to this issue.

The *Griffin* will be published when we have enough stories to warrant a printing. We do need *Griffin* stories. These are usually well researched stories which include references and sources preferably illustrated with some photographs.

**William Leslie, Editor** [william.leslie@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.leslie@sympatico.ca)

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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.

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 Honourable 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 Convenors/Tent Hosts who host a CLSI tent.

Payment should be made to Linda Flowers, CLSI Treasurer,  
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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:

Linda Flowers, CLSI Scholarship Committee, [lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net)

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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. 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. I could use help with our publications.

William Leslie, Commissioner Clan Leslie, North America, [william.leslie@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.leslie@sympatico.ca)

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