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A Beautiful Evening of tartan
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The Honourable Alexander Leslie, Chief of Clan Leslie



2017 was meant to be a quiet year. We had our Gathering in Fergus Ontario last year – and the memories still makes us smile. Next year we gather in Utah, which is very exciting. We have been to each coast of the United States, but never to ‘the middle’.

Which should have meant that this year was a quiet, stay at home, restful, feet up kind of year.

Not so much.

Events conspired to take us to Greenville at the end of May. And even though it was a one day games, it was a fantastic event and Lesley Craddock and her wonderful team made us feel so welcome it was amazing. I can still taste the fried chicken. Perfect.

Greenville may be a one day games, but the atmosphere is so positive and friendly and exciting, it would cheer anyone up. It was an honour to be the guest of honour, both on our own behalf and on behalf of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, who have identified it as a games to support in any way we can.

We were also very proud of the contingent of Royal Highland Fusiliers who were the Honour Guard for the Games. Each year, a visit to Greenville is an honour within the regiment and is ‘awarded’ for achievement during the year.

Scott McNally, the Sergeant Major, was such a natural and great ambassador for Scotland that I wrote to his Commanding Officer saying just that. Hopefully, it will give Scott a small, extra boost. As I write, Scott is on his way to the horrors of South Sudan. It will seem a long, long way away from Greenville.

One of the things that always amaze and move us when we visit Games in the States is the honour with which you pay respect to your armed forces, both present and past.

In the UK, we are used to the understated approach. Someone single handed saves a hundred lives and is rewarded with a ‘well done, old chap’ from his Commanding Officer (albeit with a Victoria Cross to follow).

Your approach, frankly, brings tears to our eyes.

Thank you for your service.

Alex Leslie

PS: I almost forgot, the most recent event in our ‘quiet year’ was marching on to the Esplanade at Edinburgh Castle as the featured clan, on the 11th August. It was a privilege, an honour, good for the clan network – and great fun.



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What a night at “A Splash of Tartan!” A wonderful evening was had by members of Clan Leslie at Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, August 11, 2017. See pages 11-14.

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In Memorium



Lady Jean Mackenzie

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lady Jean Mackenzie. Born Lady Jean Leslie, daughter of Malcolm 20th Earl of Rothes. She is shown in this portrait, by Edward Halliday (Lady Jean is on the right), with her sister Lady Eve and her brother Ian, Lord Leslie, later the 21st Earl of Rothes and their family dog, Daniel the Spaniel. Lady Jean was the much loved aunt of Alexander Leslie, Chief of Clan Leslie.



Leslie Weaver

Leslie Ann Weaver, age 61, of Alexandria, VA passed away Saturday April 29, 2017 after a long battle with Multiple Myeloma.

She was born in 1955 in Lindenhurst, NY, the daughter of Phyllis and Clifford Weaver. Leslie is survived by her siblings Lynn Weaver, Gary Weaver (Tami), Harry Weaver (Ann), Sharon Yarrison (Alan) and sister in law Becky Weaver. Also survived by nieces and nephews, Clint (Andrea), Corey, Emily, Austin, Jenna (Will), Matt, Cole, Debbie, Kim (Armen), Scott (Kathleen), Marc (Denise) and Bret (Jessica) and ten great-nieces and nephews. Leslie received a Bachelor's Degree in German and a Master's Degree in Education from The College of William & Mary.

Leslie taught English as a Second Language (ESL) for adults in Fairfax County Schools for over 25 years and worked as a volunteer teaching ESL for many years after she retired. She loved traveling around the world, meeting people, and learning about other countries and their cultures. She also enjoyed spending time and sharing memories with her family, friends, students, and her cats.

In Memorium



Sir John Leslie

Sir John Leslie was born December 6, 1916 and died April 18, 2016 at the age of 99. He was one of Ireland's last surviving World War II veterans.

Sir John Leslie, a cousin of Winston Churchill and whose family seat was Castle Leslie in Co Monaghan, died at home with family at his side. "The Leslie Family is sad to announce that Sir Jack Leslie passed away peacefully in his sleep this morning surrounded by his family". His family described him as an active Knight of Malta, art connoisseur, water colourist, ecologist, disco-dancer and restorer of historic buildings. Last November Sir Jack was awarded France's highest award for his role in the country's liberation.

He toasted the Legion d'Honneur with a glass of champagne in the French embassy in Dublin and dedicated it to "all soldiers from the island of Ireland who fought and died between the two great wars".

Sir Jack became an international news sensation in 2002 as his castle hosted Sir Paul McCartney's wedding to Heather Mills.

With the global media gathered at the gates of the estate near Glaslough, he announced the superstar's nuptials were taking place behind the gates but that it was "a secret".

Known for his love of house music in his later years, he celebrated his 85th birthday in 2001 by travelling to Ibiza to party at Privilege, then the world's biggest night club.

The family said this taste in music was "perhaps one of the most endearing of Uncle Jack's hobbies". "Each week he would visit the local night club to dance to the "boom boom" music. He quickly gained respect in the clubbing community to the extent there is a nightclub named after him in Clones, Co Monaghan".

His family said he was blessed with an astonishing memory for people, places and events and he was interviewed many times and appeared in a number of documentaries.

Sir Jack enlisted in the Second Battalion of the Irish Guards in August 1937, at the age of 21. Three years later he was part of the British Expeditionary Force, landing in France in May 1940. Commanding a section that battled for two hours to defend Boulogne-sur-Mer against advancing Germans, he was captured and spent the next five years as a prisoner of war (POW). It was believed for a time that he had been killed in action.

During his captivity, he risked his life to spirit out a postcard to his cousin Mr. Churchill pleading for a POW exchange to allow some of his comrades in the camp who had taken ill to be freed. The missive hangs in the Imperial War Museum in London. In 2009 he published his memoirs *Never A Dull Moment*.

After being released from German captivity in 1945, he travelled the world before settling for some time in Rome, where he bought a 1,500-year-old monastery. He became the 4th Baronet of Glaslough and Pettigo at Castle Leslie when his father died in 1971.

Keith Pat Leslie

March 17, 1929 – May 26, 2017

Lt. Col. Keith Pat Leslie, USAF (Ret.) Marietta, GA graduated from Jefferson High School and was educated at Purdue University. He joined the United States Air Force in 1951. In February, 1952, he entered Aviation Cadet Training school. He graduated a pilot and 2nd Lieutenant in March of 1953. He served in the U.S. Air Force for twenty years and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1971.

He flew more than seventy combat missions in Southeast Asia. He was awarded the Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, Korean Services Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Medal, and the Viet Nam Service Unit Award with four Oak Leaf Clusters. Keith flew the T-6, B-25, C-45, C-46, C-47, C-119, and C-133 aircraft.

After his retirement from the Air Force, he was employed as a pilot for Overseas National Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, and Zantop Airlines. At the conclusion of his aviation career, he had flown more than twenty-four thousand hours throughout the world. He is survived by his wife, Del Ward Napier Leslie and children Holly Anne Leslie, Seven Clay Leslie, and Elizabeth Jo Leslie Poulsen.

Election Nominations Announcement

Election time for CLSI is approaching and nominations are encouraged for several important positions. CLSI must elect a Chieftain and a Treasurer.

According to the bylaws: Chieftain. The Chieftain shall be a fully qualified adult lineal CLSI member over twenty-one (21) years of age, and a member of the Society in good standing. The Chieftain shall have general supervision of the Society, and preside at its Gatherings and meetings, appoint officers as specified in the bylaws and carry out other duties as may be determined by the Society. The Chieftain shall be elected for a term of two years, and no Chieftain may serve more than two consecutive terms.

The Bylaws state that the Treasurer:

- i) The Treasurer shall collect all dues and income and have charge of all other funds of the Society except as designated by the Council. He/she shall deposit the funds in a bank designated by the Council, and disburse funds as directed by the Chieftain, Vice Chieftain or Council.
- ii)
 - (1) The Chieftain shall approve disbursement of funds in an amount up to but not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) U.S. per item without prior approval, and up to but not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) U.S. per item with prior approval of one other executive officer not including the Treasurer. Any amount over these limits shall have the approval of the Council.
 - (2) The Chieftain shall approve disbursement of funds to reimburse expenses for sponsorship of Scottish Highland Games in an amount up to but not to exceed Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) U.S.
- iii) The Treasurer shall maintain accounts of the Society and submit a semi-annual Financial Statement to the Chieftain. The Treasurer shall submit annual statements to the Society. Within one month prior to this statement, an auditor designate by the Council may examine the accounts.
- iv) The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two years.

Persons interested in running for any of these offices, please contact Chris Johnson, Secretary of CLSI at **cjohnson355@gmail.com** or **1113 FOXHAVEN DRIVE, GREENSBORO, NC 27455**. Please send a short bio and a picture no later than October 30th for printing in the next issue of Grip Fast Journal.

Leslie Tartan

At the Grandfather Mountain Games, we found a vendor who has 13 oz. wool, Leslie Ancient tartan 54 inches wide for \$55 per yard.

The vendor is:
Grandfather Scottish
PO Box 1132
Linville, NC 28646
perrys@charter.net



Carol Lucas

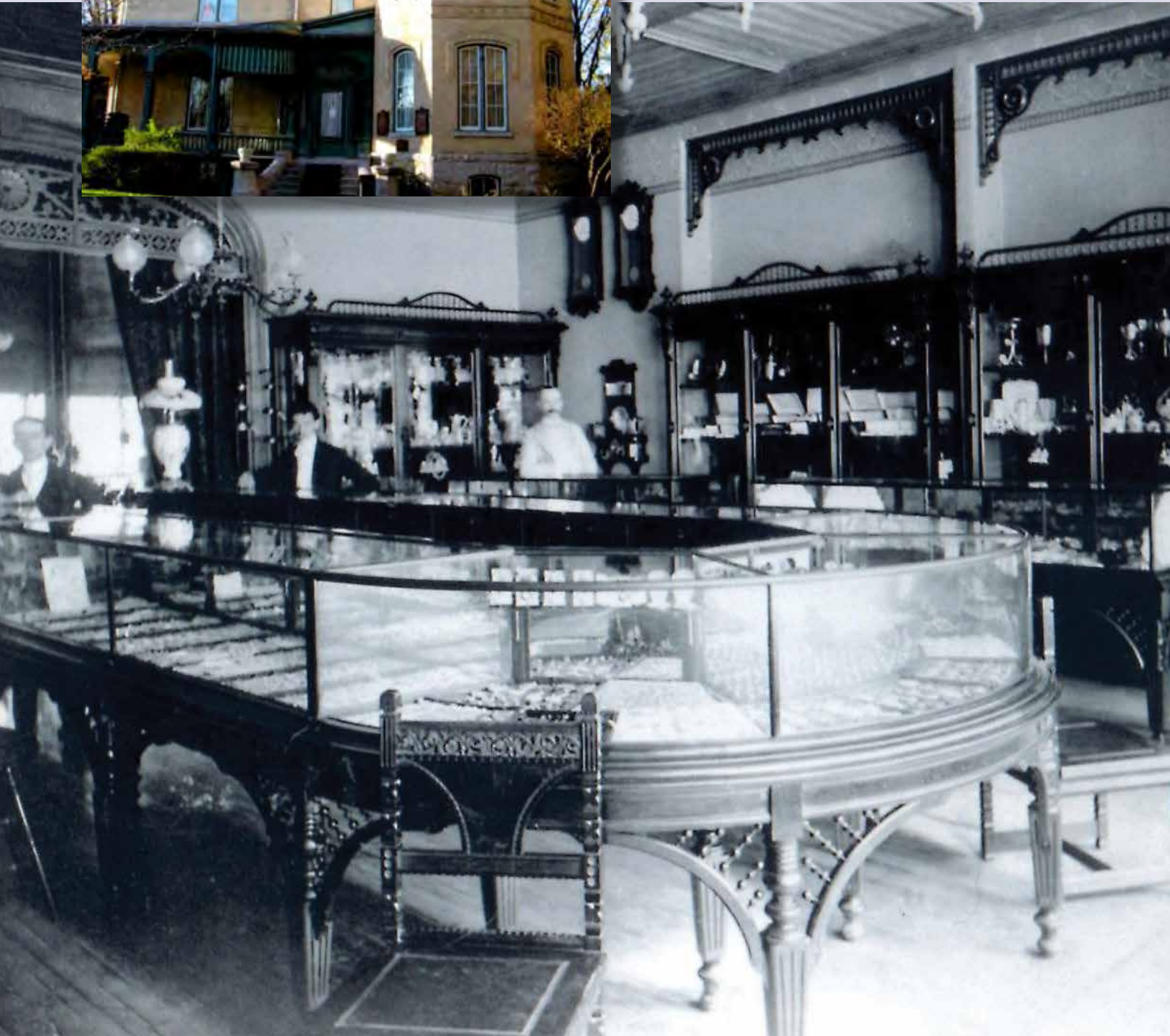
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Clan Leslie
items including
parade banners,
shield banners
and purses. Contact
her if interested!

cedesigns@cembdesigns.com

A Canadian



Canada's 150th Anniversary
appropriate to mention a Les



Historic Site

(1867-2017) is being celebrated this year, therefore, it seems the Leslie Family with roots in our national capital, Ottawa.



John Leslie, born 1817 in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, immigrated to Canada circa 1840s. He was a watch maker and jeweller who established a business on Sparks Street near Elgin Street. In the 1850s, as a prosperous businessman, he purchased a parcel of land central to the expanding city on which he planned to build a home. However, it wasn't until 1870 that construction began and this area had become one of prestige with grand Victorian style houses. The expansive Leslie home was constructed to compliment this section of Ottawa now called Sandy Hill. The building on Sparks Street still stands although the main floor area has been renovated.



John Leslie and his wife, Eliza (Allan) Leslie, moved to Sandy Hill – Leslie House – in 1879. They had a family of five children: George Allan Leslie, born 1 January 1853; Jane Leslie, born 3 October, 1854; James Leslie, born 13 March 1857; John Leslie, born 10 August 1859; and Alexander Spense Leslie, born 16 March 1865. The Leslies were parishioners of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Wellington Street, Ottawa.

John Leslie died in 1895 and Eliza died in 1896. Leslie House then became the home to two of Canada's Prime Ministers: Sir Wilfred Laurier (terms: 1896-1911) and William Lyon MacKenzie King (terms: 1921-1926, 1926-1930, 1935-1948).

The mansion has seen many distinguished visitors over the years and is now a Parks Canada National Historic Site Museum – Laurier House. The museum is open to visitors from Victoria Day in May to Thanksgiving Day in October. It is a wonderful way to tour the Victorian era and, if desired, arrangements may be made for afternoon tea. Particulars may be found by Googling Laurier House Ottawa or Parks Canada site.

Story by Beryl C. Leslie

This article has content provided by archival research, 1881 census of Canada and church records. The photograph of John Leslie's store is courtesy of Library and Archives Canada #PA-127241. Laurier House was photographed by me during a visit to Ottawa in 2014.

Clan Leslie Society International Vice-Chair Receives an Honorary Doctorate Degree

Dr. Loren Leslie was awarded an honorary Doctorate Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the Concordia University Saint Paul at the May 5th Commencement Ceremony. He was selected by the Honors Committee of the Faculty based upon his fostering objectives comparable with the mission of Concordia University, Utilizing a professional or scholarship approach, Exercising leadership and Being of service to many individuals. They took special note of his passion for service to God and humanity in his life's work through his profession as a medical doctor and as a volunteer for his church and Concordia University. His specific contributions to Concordia included the development of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program and the allied health care programs as well as his leadership on the Board of Regents and Chair of the Board Academic Committee.

Dr. Loren Leslie is a retired physician and health care executive. Ad graduate of the University of Minnesota, School of Medicine where he specialized in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He was the Executive Director of the Sister Kenny Institute, Minneapolis and the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Peoria, IL, Chief of the Rehabilitation Medicine Services at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Minneapolis and the Director of the Twin Ports Veterans Medical Facility, Superior, WI. Dr. Leslie also is a retired Naval Captain having served for 39 years in the Naval Reserve including active duty during the Vietnam and Gulf Wars. In the latter, he was the Commanding officer of Navy Combat Zone Hospital 15, a 500 bed field hospital in support of the First Marine Expeditionary Forces deployed to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Significant public service included a two year appointment as Chief of the Chronic Disease Control Section of the Minnesota Department of Health, member of the President's Committee of Employment of the Handicapped, Rehabilitation Medicine representative on the Department of Veterans Affairs Chief Medical Officer's Advisory Council, Washing, D.C. and a member of the Secretary of the Navy Retiree Advisory Board.

As an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota and the University of Illinois, he directed programs in Physical Therapy and fellowships in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Leslie was appointed to the Concordia University Board of Regents in 2008 and just concluded his final term, after nine years. He served as a chair of the Academic Committee and on the Executive Committee of the Board. He was instrumental in the start-up of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, as well as several other health care related academic programs.

Dr. Leslie was born and raised near the town of Leroy in rural southwestern Minnesota. He married his high school sweetheart, Arlene and their 59 year marriage brought them a son, Magnus. Arlene passed away in 2013 after a battle with cancer.

Dr. Leslie is a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Minnetonka, MN, having served as an elder and at present a Director at Large on the church council.



Dr. Loren Leslie

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TENTS AND GAM

CLAN LESLIE MEMEBERS HOSTED TENTS EVERYWH
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CONVENORS AND TENT



Loch Norman Highland Games

On Saturday, April 8, the morning started cold and clear at the Loch Norman Highland Games. The sound of distant pipes broke the quiet of the morning as Clans set up their tent displays and others searched for hot coffee. The organizers of the games were overjoyed by the prospects of a clear weekend without rain or strong winds, which have interrupted games the previous two years.

The Clan Leslie tent welcomed five members of CLSI and talked with more people about the benefits of joining the society. Conversations with visitors focused on traveling to Scotland, family history, and Leslie castles. Many people stopped by to ask about our single malt container display and to ask general questions about Scotland and the games.

We were delighted to have with us our six year old granddaughter who proudly wore her Leslie kilt and welcomed the children as they sought clan tent stamps for their "passports". She especially liked marching in the parade and waving to the crowd as we circled the field.

Christine & Lew Johnson



Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games

The 31st Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games was held at UT Arlington Stadium, Arlington Texas, May 5 to 7, 2017. Lynne carried the Leslie parade shield banner during the Calling of the Clans on Friday night at 8 PM. We had excellent weather during the weekend with no threat of rain!

On a sad note, this was the last year that the Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games will be held at the US Arlington Stadium. Next year's location has not yet been announced but Clan Leslie will be at the new site!

Yours Aye,

Frank & Lynne Leslie
Clan Leslie Convenors for Central Texas

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Capital District Scottish Games

Clan Leslie returned to New York's Capital District Scottish Games in Albany held on September 2nd and 3rd. The Games, hosted by the Schenectady Pipe Band draws 25,000 attendees, and includes tents from over twenty-five clans. Although members of Clan Leslie made an appearance last year, as part of their travels to Guelph for the Clan Gathering, the Capital District Scottish Games have not had official representation from the Leslies for many years.

This was our first time designing a tent for any games, and our exhibits focused on the history of the Clan, as well as a few of cultural touchstones of today: Rose Leslie's role in "Game of Thrones" and Balgonie Castle's cameo appearance in "Outlander." In addition, we also offered visitors "a wee dram" of The Glenrothes Speyside Single Malt Whisky, as well as some lovely Shortbread with Scottish Blackcurrant preserves, which made it quite popular among all the tents, no matter the clan.

Although it was only our first year for the Clan Leslie tent, we were honored with a ribbon for "Best New Entry."

Patrick Masson



New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival

It was chilly on Friday, September 15 as I set up the Clan Leslie tent at the 42nd annual New Hampshire Highland Games held at Loon Mountain Ski Resort in Lincoln, NH. I love attending these games as they are one of the largest in the United States.

Friday was fun but Saturday and Sunday were even more so as I was joined by new members Patrick and Jamie Masson. They came all the way from Albany, NY just to help me out at the tent! I'm sure glad they did because we had so many visitors, and many Leslies who were interested in joining the society.

We had a great time sharing Leslie history with our visitors and are looking forward to next year. I hope this is the beginning of a larger Leslie presence here in the North East.

Laura Sawyer Messing



A Beautiful Evening of Tartan

A group of people, including men and women, are walking in a parade. Many are wearing traditional Scottish kilts and sporrans. In the background, a large stone building is visible, and a torch is lit. The scene is set outdoors at night or dusk.

On August 11, 2017, Clan Leslie (along with Clans Moffat and Urquhart) took the esplanade as part of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. It was an unforgettable evening of pageantry and a wonderful honor for everyone who participated.

All photos by Ian Georgeson





Clan Leslie in the Great Hall of Edinburgh Castle



The Honourable Alexander Leslie greets the clans in the Great Hall of Edinburgh Castle



Sebastian Leslie, CLSI Chieftain Tom Huxtable and the Honourable Alexander Leslie Chief of CLAN Leslie



Our newest honorary member, Sergeant Major Alexander McBroom gives everyone instruction before the show



The Honourable Alexander Leslie, Chief of Clan Leslie greets members of the military



The clans are ready!



Three Chiefs



Member of Clan Leslie listen to instructions



When I first set out to write for this edition of Grip Fast, I intended to revisit our Clan badge, rue - ruta graveolens - which I have written about before, but long ago. I thought about this as I was checking the plants in our garden, where rue grows as a perennial herb. The intense heat and a week or two without rain have wilted many of the plants, even the rue, which prefers poor

dry soils. I thought about setting up the sprinkler, and the idea of watering the rue, our Leslie badge, led to Scotland, and hence to Nessie and then to another mythical beast unique to Scotland: the Kelpie, or malevolent water horse. You can see that my mind skitters and skips when it's really hot outside...Kelpies. There are two huge silver statues of Kelpies heads now installed in Fallkirk, the creations of sculptor Andy Scott. They are next to the Forth Canal, and the photos of those immense horses reflected in evening light on the water are magnificent and a bit eerie. Stories about Kelpies abound. They are said to have jet black (or sometimes pure white) coats, and their manes are always dripping wet. They may or may not have fiery eyes. They live in rivers, creeks, ponds, streams, and have magical skin that causes anyone who touches them to adhere to them. Kelpies are natural-born troublemakers, bent on evil. They often appear at the ford of a river to tired travelers who must cross over the shallows. The Kelpie seems to be a friendly beast who might



not mind giving the weary traveler a ride across. Once on the Kelpie's back, however, the rider cannot dismount, is carried into the water and drowned when the Kelpie submerges in the deepest parts of the river or lake. Some myths tell of the Kelpie flying into the air and then diving into the depths with its unfortunate passenger. Kelpies are able to shape shift, most often preferring to take human form in order to tempt people to a watery fate. Several books hypothesize that the Kelpie myth was constructed by ancients as a cautionary tale to keep curious children from wandering too close to a water source. Other sources state that it was an early version of the "Red Riding Hood" theme - a tale to warn young women not to be overly friendly to strange men. However it came about, our ancestors truly believed in magical creatures with special powers. It was their way of understanding and dealing with forces of nature or community events that were scientifically unexplainable centuries ago. These beliefs were slow to pass as the gargoyles on the great cathedrals built in the middle ages testify. Malevolent, evil, nastiness got personified as quickly and literally as the beneficent - such as the carved stone angels of that time. Even after Scotland became a primarily Christian country, stories and legends of many strange and powerful spirit-beings persisted. Apparently, Kelpies were a plentiful species, as most bodies of water from small pools to large rivers and sizeable lochs have Kelpie stories associated with them. There is a wonderful piece of music for harp called "The Kelpie". It is eerie and yet lyrical, and it was lots of fun to play at my very first harp recital. Now I'm working on a piece called "Scottish Twilight." It speaks of the colours of the sky reflected in the water of a highland lake. Maybe... somewhere deep below the surface...there's a Kelpie?

IRISH BLESSING

Someone once said: What goes around comes around. Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching. Sing like nobody's listening. Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

AN IRISH FRIENDSHIP WISH:

I hope it works...

May there always be work for your hands to do; May your purse always hold a coin or two; May the sun always shine on your windowpane; May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain; May the hand of a friend always be near you; May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you. And may you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're dead.

Send us your recipes!

Clan Leslie Society International would like to produce a cookbook and we need your help!

Please send your favorite recipes with complete instructions to our Chaplain, Samantha Gray. If we can produce the cookbook, it will then be available to sell. Samantha's email is **riognach@aol.com**

If you have any questions, email Samantha or Linda Flowers at **lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net**

Welcome, Addie!



Adeline Faith "Addie" Leslie was born February 2, 2017.

Addie is the daughter of James and Leanne Leslie & the granddaughter of Karen Leslie, all of Pennsylvania.

WELCOME!

Lang May Yer Lum Reek

It is your Chaplain's pleasure and privilege to wish everyone born in July, August, September and October "Lang May Yer Lum Reek!" Literally translated from Scots, this traditional birthday greeting means 'long may your chimney smoke' and expresses the wish that the one celebrating may live to tend his or her own hearth a long time.

July: Leslie Tuchman - 7/1; Donald Abernathy - 7/4; Glen Abernathy and Carol Law - 7/5; Walter Leslie and William Leslie - 7/7; George Alexander and Chester Harbert - 7/8; Arthur Leslie, Thomas Leslie IV, Chester Maritz and Linda Schroder - 7/13; Kurt Regling - 7/16; Melanie Cave - 7/20; Moreita Leslie - 7/21; Gary Leslie - 7/23; Ruth Storrow - 7/25; Patrick Masson - 7/26; Emily Leslie Weaver - 7/27; Nancy Bitterling and Robert Leslie - 7/31.

August: Stephen Leslie - 8/3; Marca Gibson - 8/5; JoAnn Wilcox - 8/8; Robin Coffman - 8/9; Margaret Brown, Harold Leslie, Jimmy Leslie, Rosemary Leslie and Richard Lynch - 8/10; Dean Messing - 8/11; Robert Abernathy - 8/14; Betty Starr - 8/15; Robert Abernathy and Riley Lanier - 8/22; Anne Maret - 8/24; Irene Bush and David Olling - 8/25; John Leslie, Loren Leslie, Timothy Leslie and Leslie Short - 8/26.

September: Thomas Huxtable - 9/2; Jeffrey Kern and Spencer Stubbs - 9/4; Tom Leslie and Judy Stubbs - 9/5; Bruce Eike and Brendan Stubbs - 9/7; Virginia Moore - 9/8; Nell Bonaparte - 9/9; Christopher Childers, David Hanson and Michael Leslie - 9/10; Rev. Samantha Gray - 9/11; Kristina Alquire and Marlene Poches - 9/12; Jane Roe - 9/13; Kirk Leslie - 9/14; Elizabeth Johnson, James Lessly and Abigail Vetter - 9/16; Rose Marie Phillips - 9/17; Brent Carpenter - 9/19; Martin Brown, Phyllis Dubois and Steven Leslie - 9/22; Stephen Leslie - 9/23; John Gaffney - 9/24; Janet Pyatt - 9/26; Anna Grimm - 9/28; Jerry Anderson - 9/30.

October: Joanne Doucette - 10/2; Gregg Leslie - 10/3; Brian Lesslie - 10/4; Ruth Dittman, Frank Leslie and John Updegraff - 10/6; Mathilda Gould and Lewis Johnson - 10/9; Melody Kirk and Robert Leslie - 10/12; Thomas Allen and Jeffrey Dorsey - 10/13; Dane Gay, Judith Grigor and Valda Leslie - 10/14; Robert Abernathy - 10/15; William Leslie - 10/16; John Abernathy, Donald Leslie and Sandra Leslie - 10/20; James Leslie - 10/21; Dwight Leslie - 10/22; Florence Lesley and Helen Lesley - 10/23; Jean Brannon - 10/25; Mark Weller - 10/26; Wanda Lucas - 10/27; Kenneth Leslie and Melva Wheelwright - 10/31.

The Clan Leslie Collection at the Uni

A Treasure for Us All

By David Leslie White

CLAN LESLIE LIBRARY FUND

The Archives and Special Collections group in the McLaughlin Library, University of Guelph, mounted a wonderful exhibit of the Clan Leslie Collection last August. Now they have put a portion on a website. The exhibits can be accessed at the following link. If you see corrections that need to be made, let me know and I will pass the information along to them. The exhibit is mostly complete, but there are still a few additions they will be making.

<https://digex.lib.uoguelph.ca/exhibits/show/clan-leslie>

Our Collection has grown and now contains a wide range of Leslie materials, suitable for research or just scanning. It is now probably one of the most complete clan collections in the world. Unfortunately the Library fund is dry. Virtually dry. We need to continue to grow our collection as we become aware of new materials. We just received a book and two Russian journals about the Leslies in Russia from Olga de Leslie. She wrote two of the journal articles herself. Olga was the daughter



Summary

This book is devoted to the Leslies, an old noble Russian family of Scottish descent, especially their role in the war against Napoleon and his allies in 1812.

It brings together archival sources and eyewitness accounts, which illustrate the contribution of the Leslies to that dramatic campaign. Documents and articles included here were originally published a century ago or even earlier, and were never reprinted until now.

The story opens with some facts and legends about the Scottish ancestry of the Leslies in the Middle Ages, including the text of the original Leslie charter. Special attention is paid to the figure of Sir Alexander Leslie of Auchintoul (+1663), who embraced Orthodox faith with the name of Avraam and founded the Russian branch. The main events of his career are pointed out using archival evidence and authoritative works by the historians L. Orlovsky, E. Stashevsky, D. Tsvetkov and others. Then comes D. Miasoyedov's article, which did not reappear since 1903, proving that Russia's first guerrilla leader in 1812 was not the famous Denis Davydov, but rather A. D. Leslie. This point of view is confirmed by a document of 1836 about the four Leslie brothers, who «have given the first example by taking up arms for the defence of their Fatherland».

All the known cases of the «clan's» participants in the war of 1812 are considered: those of Major General Dmitry Yegorovich Leslie and his four sons, headed by Cavalry Captain Aleksandr, who originally proposed to raise the militia in the Smolensk province, and formed a company «of his own peasants and at his own expense»; Lieutenant Grigory, Lieutenant Yegor, Sub-Lieutenant Piotr, their cousin Abram Leslie, and their more distant relations, Cavalry Captain Nikolay and Sergey Leslie, Marshal of the Smolensk nobility during the campaign of 1812. Their biographies are reconstructed with the help of service records from Russian archives, as well as secondary sources.

This edition also contains fragments from the diary of Aleksandr Leslie. Written during his whole life, it amounted to 27 volumes, but does not seem to have survived to the present. The part of it dealing with 1812 was printed for the last and only time in 1912. Here it is supplied with additions and notes as well as some information on its author. The appendices feature several more articles, notably the memoirs of Nikolay Leslie. Finally, there is the service record of another Nikolay Leslie, cavalry captain, who lost his life in time of peace, during the celebrations of the triumph over Napoleon held on the field of Borodino in 1839.

The author of the present work, a direct action of Major General Dmitry, Cavalry Captain Aleksandr and another Aleksandr Leslie (who left a diary), strove to add up to and correct the existing evidence on Russian Leslies.

of Alexander Leslie, a famous painter who left Russia in 1903. Olga may be the last of the Leslies descended from Sir Alexander Leslie of Auchintoul who attracted many Leslies to Moscow. The book that Olga donated is "Leslies in 1812" (the War of 1812 in Russia). This book appears to be written in "old" Russian (over 200 years ago) but the journal articles she wrote are in modern Russian. Hence we need to hire a Russian who is fluent in Russian and English to translate these article.

Growing our collection has come to a stand-still. Without more funds, we cannot buy more books or get these journal articles translated. So, please make a donation today. Send your check to Linda Flowers, CLSI Treasurer, 302 SW 3rd, Tuttle, OK 73089. Her email address is flowjingo@sbcglodol.net. Your donation is desperately needed, and it is tax-deductible!

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An interesting part of the 2016 Clan Leslie Gathering was the exhibition of "The Clan Leslie: A Celebration of 950 Years." The Archival & Special Collections staff at the McLaughlin Library, University of Guelph, assembled an outstanding exhibition of the Clan Leslie Collection. It was a remarkable display on three floors that included some of the highlights of our collection. On the second floor there was a display of the prolific writings of the Leslies from Castle Leslie at Glaslough in County Monaghan, Ireland, most especially Shane Leslie, Anita Leslie and Desmond Leslie. On the first floor was a case of Leslie iconography, including design elements of the Leslie arms, shield, crest and badge. Also there was a display of various Leslie tartans. A special display was a reproduction of the "Leslie Cube," invented by Sir John Leslie (1766-1832), a noted physicist and mathematician best noted for his research into heat. Since, then, we have added to the collection four reprints of Sir John Leslie's books. Melissa McAfee, Special Collections Librarian, acquired this Leslie's Cube on her own. Other items on display included materials relating to politically and militarily powerful Leslies such as the Battle of Harlaw, the military career of Alexander Leslie, 1st. Earl of Leven; John Leslie, the "Fighting Bishop," and the Jacobite, Charles Leslie.

From the scientific, the politically powerful and the military, the displayed collection moved to the periodicals published by Frank and Eliza Leslie. Also displayed are some maps, etchings and illustrations of the castles, homes and estates of the Leslies. Lastly, a display of more current history, the founding of our Society and the efforts to connect Leslies separated by the Scottish diaspora.

I must express my sincere appreciation to Melissa McAfee, Special Collections Librarian; Ashley Shifflett McBrayne, Library Associate; Marian Toledo, PhD candidate; Judy Wanner Associate Librarian and three student assistants for all of their work and having the vision to assemble this impressive exhibition that was on display until November 1st. Also much appreciation to those who have donated Leslie items to this collection, and those who have contributed generously to make the purchase of old and rare books by and /or about Leslies, Abernethys and other Leslie septes.

Both Melissa and Ashley have volunteered to identify specific materials that are needed to fill in the blanks in our collection. As professionals in Special Collections and Archivists, they see more clearly those items that would be the greatest addition to our Clan Leslie Collection. Several items that I have in mind would be a small sculpture done by Lionel Leslie, who lived on the Isle of Mull. Also the book *Never a Dull Moment* by the late Sir John (Jack) Leslie, 4th Baronet of Glaslough. Or *Of Glaslough in the Kingdom of Oriel* by Seymour Leslie, printed in 1913 by the Donagh Press, Glaslough of an edition of 100 copies.

There are still some rare items that we need to acquire. But perhaps our focus should expand to include using this collection. Once we have sufficient funds, we could offer a stipend to graduate students to do the research and write papers on certain aspects of Clan Leslie. **But without further donations, our acquisitions will come to a halt.**

Digital Library

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The Clan Leslie Collection (continued)

The following materials are donated to the Clan Leslie Collection at the McLaughlin Library, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. We continue to search for more publications to add.

Elements of Geometry, Geometrical Analysis, and Plane Trigonometry by Sir John Leslie, first published 1811, Edinburgh, Scotland, second edition, reprinted in 2016 in India by Facsimile Publisher, Delhi, India

A Short Account of Experiments and Instruments, Depending on the Relations of Air, to Heat, and Moisture by Sir John Leslie, first published in 1813, Edinburgh, Scotland, reprinted in 2016 in India by Facsimile Publisher, Delhi, India.

The Philosophy of Arithmetic Exhibiting A Progressive View of the Theory and Calculation by Sir John Leslie, Esq., first published 1820, Edinburgh, Scotland, reprinted in 2016 by Facsimile Publisher, Delhi, India

Geometrical Analysis, and Geometry of Curve Lines, Being Volume Second of a Course in Mathematics by Sir John Leslie, Esq., first published in 1821, Edinburgh, Scotland, reprinted in 2016 by Facsimile Publisher, Delhi, India.

Mrs. Fitzherbert by Anita Leslie, published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1960

Mr. Frewen of England: A Victorian Adventurer by Anita Leslie, published by Hutchinson of London, 1966. Note: Morton Frewen married Clara Jerome of New York, daughter of Leonard Jerome. See *The Remarkable Mr. Jerome* by Anita Leslie, 1954. Clara's sisters were Jennie Jerome, wife of Lord Randolph Churchill and mother of Sir Winston Churchill, and Leonie Jerome, who married Sir Jack Leslie, 2nd Baronet of Glaslough, Ireland, and mother of Norman, John (Shane), Seymour and Lionel Leslie.

Jennie: The Life of Lady Randolph Churchill by Anita Leslie, published by Hutchinson of London, 1969

Jennie: The Mother of Winston Churchill by Anita Leslie, published by George Mann, Kent (paperback), 1992, first published by Hutchinson & CO., London, 1969

Madame Tussaud: Waxworker Extraordinary by Anita Leslie & Pauline Chapman, published by Hutchinson of London, 1978

The Silent Queen by W. Seymour Leslie (Seymour William Leslie), published by Boni & Liveright, New York, 1927

Les Soucoupes Volanties Ont Atterri (Flying Saucers Have Landed) by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski, originally published 1970, published in French by J'ai Lu, Paris, 1971

How Britain Won the Space Race by Desmond Leslie and Sir Patrick Moore, published by Mitchell Beazley, London, 197248 pp. Although this work is classified as "Sci-Fi", it appears to be a parody on Britain's failure to lead in the space race.

Roths Past and Present: A History of the Town and Parish by John R. Gray, published by Eneas Mackay, Stirling, Scotland, 1954. Rare book.

Dallas Public and Private by Warren Leslie, published by Avon Books, New York, 1964

Schism, Clan Leslie Society (CLS)—Clan Leslie Society Australia-New Zealand (CLANZ) 2002. Grip Fast Down Under, April, May, June and July, August, September 2002

Membership Directory, Clan Leslie Society, 2008

Edgar Leslie, composer and lyricist

Index to Clan Leslie Society File Numbers (Folders)

The Griffin, Article/Subject Index, The Griffin 1979-1998.

Journal, Clan Leslie Society Journal, Winter 2003, No. 28

Gathering, 2000, Ligonier, Pennsylvania, memorabilia, Pencil and Note Pad

Gathering, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2014, Memorabilia, ball-point pens

Bottle, "Balsamic Vinegar & Port Reduction," from Castle Leslie, Glaslough, County Monaghan, Ireland

The following books have been donated to the Clan Leslie Collection by Donald Abernathy

Ride the Wind: The Amazing Story of the Abernathy Boys by Miles Abernathy, 1st. edition, published by the Long Riders Guild Press, 2004. This book was first published in 1911 with the title *The Rides of the Abernathy Boys*.

Wood Smoke by Tom Abernathy [Thomas Young Abernathy], published by Kingsport Press, Kingsport Tennessee, 1967. [This copy signed by the author]

Wood Smoke II by Tom Abernathy [Thomas Young Abernathy, published by Louise Wallis Abernathy and printed by Bannon's, Talladega, Alabama 1975

A Royal Southern Family by Arthur Talmage Abernathy, printed for the author by The Parthenon Press 1934. [Signed by the author on the title page. Arthur Talmage Abernathy was the first Poet Laureate of North Carolina]

"Catch 'em Alive Jack": The Life And Adventures of an American Pioneer by John R. Abernathy, with introduction by Kermit Roosevelt, published by the University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln Nebraska and London, 1936. First Nebraska paperback printing 2006. Originally published by the Association Press [Young Men's Christian Association], New York, 1936.

In the latest shipment made this March, these books have been added to our collection.

The following books and other materials are donated to the Clan Leslie Collection, Archives and Special Collections, McLaughlin Library, University of Guelph.

Always a Borderer: The Official Regimental History of The King's Own Scottish Borderers, Iain Gale, published by The Regimental Association of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, Berwick Barracks, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Berwick, England; printed and bound in Scotland by Barr Printers, Glenrothes. 2016. NOTE: The KOSB was raised by Lieutenant General David Leslie, 3rd Earl of Leven in 1689 and he was this regiment's first commanding officer. In 1732, the KOSB was commanded by General John Leslie, 10th Earl of Rothes.

The Royal New Brunswick Regiment, Historical Notes, published by the 26th Battalion Overseas Association, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, 1998. Booklet. The 1st. and 2nd battalions (the former previously known as Carleton & York and the latter formerly the St. John Fusiliers) of the The Royal New Brunswick Regiment were allied to the KOSB in 1926.

The Cromaboo Mail Carrier, Mary Leslie [James Thomas Jones, pseud], first published 1878. This work which contains the original Cromaboo Mail Carrier is edited by David J. Knight with a foreword by Daniel Bratton and introduction and notes by David J. Knight, Vocamus Editions, Guelph, Ontario, Canada 2016

Rhymes of the Kings and Queens of England, Mary Leslie [James Thomas Jones, pseud], originally published 1896, reprinted by Facsimile Publisher, Delhi, India, 2016

Historical Sketches of Scotland in Prose and Verse in One Volume, Mary Leslie [James Thomas Jones, pseud] originally published 1905, unknown original publisher, reprinted by Facsimile Publisher, Delhi, India, 2016

Burnt Bridges, Temple Lane [Mary Isabel Leslie], 2nd Edition, first published 1925, published by John Long, Ltd., London

The Bands of Orion, Temple Lane [Mary Isabel Leslie], published by Jarrolds, London, no date [1928]

The Little Wood, Temple Lane [Mary Isabel Leslie], published by Jarrolds, London, no date [1930]. This book awarded the 1st. Tailteann Award, 1932

Full Tide, Mary Isabel Leslie [Temple Lane, pseud.], published by John Heritage, London, no date [1935] NOTE: For some unknown reason, this book was published with Mary Isabel Leslie's own name, and not the pseudonym "Temple Lane," that she usually used. This was the first time her own name was used in one of her books.

Fisherman's Wake: Poems by Temple Lane, Temple Lane [Mary Isabel Leslie], published by The Talbot Press, Dublin, Ireland, no date [1940, 1945]

House of My Pilgrimage by Temple Lane [Mary Isabel Leslie], published by The Talbot Press, Dublin, Ireland, reprinted 1945 (first published 1941)

Friday's Well, Temple Lane [Mary Isabel Leslie], published by The Talbot Press, Dublin, Ireland, 1943

Come Back!, Temple Lane [Mary Isabel Leslie], published by The Talbot Press, Dublin, Ireland, 1945, 1946

Curlews, Temple Lane [Mary Isabel Leslie], published by The Talbot Press, Dublin, Ireland, 1946. Poems

My Bonny's Away, Temple Lane [Mary Isabel Leslie], published by The Talbot Press, Dublin, Ireland 1947

Tales of the Big Thicket, edited by Francis E. Abernathy, published by the University of Texas Press, Austin [Texas] and London, 1966

From Frontier to Plantation in Tennessee: A Study in Frontier Democracy, by Thomas Perkins Abernathy, published by the Memphis State College Press, Memphis [Tennessee], 1955

A Tale of Two Marys

David Leslie White

The search for books by and about Leslies and Abernathys is always interesting, and new discoveries is most rewarding. Many of you will recall the author George Eliot, which was a pseudonym for Mary Ann Evans (1819-1880), who wrote during the Victorian period. She was probably best known for her books *Silas Marner* and *Middlemarch*. During the Victorian period and up into the 1950s, many thought that women were unable to write a serious novel, but were only capable of writing lighthearted romances.

To avoid this stereotype, female authors often took a male pseudonym. This also shielded their private lives and their family from public scrutiny.

Hence, the recent discovery of two Leslie authors, Mary Leslie of Guelph, Ontario (1842-1920), who apparently wrote occasionally as 'James Thomas Jones,' and Mary Isobel Leslie of Ireland, who almost exclusively wrote under the pseudonym of 'Temple Lane.' Mary Leslie of Guelph, Ontario had a short writing career.

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Pitcairlie House

Pitcairlie house near Newburgh, Fife, Scotland is another residence that is missing from our listings of property that the Leslies once owned. It has come to be that if anybody would like to make an offer of £2.2 million for the house in great condition it could be yours.

The history of the house when it was occupied by the Leslie's began in 1312 and ended in 1682. The land became part of Leslie history in 1312 when the Earl of Rothes took possession. The history around this time was most likely recorded but believed lost during the troubled times of the 13th to 14th century because of all the wars that took place.

The house history as we know it begins with George Leslie building the house tower on the left end of the existing house in 1550. Fifty years later in 1600, David Leslie was born and rose to Major David Leslie. His duty and position gave him an opportunity to fight on both sides of the battles, Royalist's and Parliamentarians. He led the charge of the Cavalry for Oliver Cromwell in 1644 then went on to lead Scottish Royalist forces later on in the same conflict on the other side. He led the successful attack during the battle of Marston Moor against the Royalist Army.

His next duty call was to command the force that besieged Carlisle in England. After Carlisle he was sent back to Scotland in 1645 to defeat the Royalist forces at the battle of Philiphaugh. Later he went on and defeated the remaining Royalist's in Kintyre, Argyll and Bute. When the Scottish Covenanter government changed its

mind and decided to back Charles II Leslie found he had to change sides and fight for the King.

When the Parliamentarians army under Cromwell invaded Scotland in July 1650, Leslie was the commander of the Scottish forces. He went on to lead the Royalist forces in an invasion of England. He was defeated by Cromwell at the Battle of Worcester, captured and sent to the Tower of London. He was released in 1660 and titled Lord of Muir and died in 1682 aged 82.

Brian Lesslie.



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Her first novel was titled *The Cromaboo Mail Carrier*, first published in 1878. She opens her fictional novel with a striking paragraph:

"Cromaboo is the most blackguard village in Canada, and is settled by the lowest class of Irish, Highland Scotch and Dutch. It consists of seven taverns, six churches, and about one hundred shabby frame houses build on little gravelly mounds. Fights are frequent, drunkenness flourishes, vice abounds; more tobacco is smoked there than in any village of the same size in the Dominion; swearing is so common that it passes unnoticed, and there is an illegitimate child in nearly every house – in some two, in others three, in one six, – and the people think it no sin."

Her creation of the name 'Cromaboo' was not sufficient to prevent the people of the village of Erin to identify Cromaboo as being actually their village, Erin. Guelph is fictionalized as 'Gibbeline'). The Erin town council apparently sued Mary Leslie and perhaps the bookstore also for defamation and her book was pulled from circulation. Fortunately, approximately 100 copies had been bound and distributed to friends, family and several publishers. Hence, a few copies have survived, and this novel has been reprinted by David J. Knight, Editor-in-Chief of Vocamus Editions, Guelph, Ontario, with an excellent Foreword by Daniel Bratton and an Introduction by David J. Knight.

Mary Leslie wrote five works as 'James Thomas Jones,' including *The Cromaboo Mail Carrier*, and three works under her own name. Three of her books have been purchased for the Clan Leslie Collection. These are *The Cromaboo Mail Carrier*, *Rhymes of the Kings and Queens of England* (1896) and

Historical Sketches of Scotland With an Account of Forty-Eight of the Highland Clans (unpublished, 1905).

The other Mary Leslie is the one from Dublin, Ireland, who came to my attention while re-reading *The Griffin* from 1984. In an article by Alexander Leslie Klieforth (pages 26-28) he discussed Mary Isabel Leslie: Author and Poet) 1899-1978). The reason I had not discovered her sooner was because she used a pseudonym 'Temple Lane' and not Mary Leslie. When searching on the Internet for books by the author, she didn't show up as Mary Leslie. Mary Isabel Leslie was born in Dublin, Ireland, the daughter of John Herbert Leslie, a Church of Ireland rector. She entered Trinity College in Dublin and became part of the literary world there. There she came to the attention of Lady Augusta Gregory, who became her patroness. Mary's first novel was *Burnt Bridges* (1925) and later she wrote *The Little Wood* which was a prize winner. Mary chose the pseudonym of 'Temple Lane' from a little street near her publisher's office. The reason she chose a pseudonym was because her father had become the Dean of Lismore (St. Carthage Cathedral in County Waterford) and she feared that her literary career might be an embarrassment to him. However, her novel *Full Tide*, said to be published in 1935 but was reviewed by a newspaper in 1932, was published under her own name.

She had a very successful career of writing, with over 15 novels and two books of poetry. One of her poems has passed into the repertory of song, "The Fairy Tree", an actual thorn tree that played a part in the dream of a young girl. Eight of Mary Isabel Leslie's novels and both of her poetry books have been purchased and added to the Clan Leslie Collection at the University of Guelph.



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