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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for October 8th, 2021

For the latest news from Scotland see our ScotNews feed at:

<https://electricscotland.com/scotnews.htm>

Electric Scotland News

I'm encouraged to read that the UK is developing drones to fly from Navy ships. We do need to modernise our weapons in the face of China and Russia's investment in their capabilities. Read the news article below...

Scot's Badge Medallion

Picture provided by Garry Gianotti who is a special consultant to the owner of the medallion. Garry tells me this could be a major discovery proving links to Bonnie Prince Charlie and also to the early history of Odd Fellows in America. Read the article below in our Electric Scotland section. There is more to come in this story and Garry has promised to keep us updated.

Announcements by MyHeritage making many more records available and also a special event held on Facebook telling us of the new Scottish census records being added to their database. See below for a link to watch the video.

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers

Note that this is a selection and more can be read in our ScotNews feed on our index page where we list news from the past 1-2 weeks. I am partly doing this to build an archive of modern news from and about Scotland and world news stories that can affect Scotland and as all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on Google and other search engines it becomes a good resource. I might also add that in a number of newspapers you will find many comments which can be just as interesting as the news story itself and of course you can also add your own comments if you wish which I do myself from time to time.

Royal Navy sends Russia and China warning as revolutionary drone launched from sea
The fixed-wing aircraft, which has been given the name QinetiQ Banshee Jet 80+, flew from the carrier's flight deck. Flight Test Engineers and operators from QinetiQ, which owns and operates the Banshee, flew three of the air vehicles from the drone's launcher on the Hebrides range off the northwest coast of Scotland. The system will be used to test future sensors, weapons and radio equipment.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/science/1498861/royal-navy-russia-china-warning-drone-launched-aircraft-carrier-hms-prince-of-wales>

Scotland's version of hygge

Known as the Hebridean Baker, Coinneach MacLeod is an unlikely TikTok sensation who is bringing the best of the islands' culture to the world.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/travel/article/20210930-scotlands-version-of-hygge>

Canadian regiment to serve as Queen's Guard in London next month
The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery Duties Contingent has formally been invited by Her Majesty to serve as the Queen's Guard, Royal Central reports. The Queen issued the invite to honour the regiment's 150th anniversary.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/royal/1498755/buckingham-palace-latest-news-canadian-regiment-queens-guard-london-october-ont>

Bonnie Prince Charlie's hand-written letters reveal appeals to King Louis XV of France after defeat

The letters on display at Culloden show Prince Charles Edward Stuart's calls for support to launch another Jacobite rising.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/scotland-now/bonnie-prince-charlies-hand-written-25101350>

The pioneering Scots photographer who captured China

Pioneering Scottish photographer John Thomson took some of the earliest pictures of China on record.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-58733514>

Kathleen Jamie announced as Scotland's new Makar

Poet and essayist Kathleen Jamie has been appointed as Scotland's next Makar.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-58256647>

MyHeritage Publishes New Name Index from U.S. and Canadian Historical Newspapers, with Nearly One Billion Names

We are pleased to announce the publication of a massive new collection of 982 million names, extracted from our U.S. and Canadian historical newspaper collections. Historical newspapers are some of the most important sources for genealogical information because they are very rich in detail. Newspapers can often add color and personality to the dry facts that are often the output of other genealogical sources such as census records.

Read more at:

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/09/myheritage-publishes-new-name-index-from-u-s-and-canadian-historical-newspapers-with-nearly-one-billion-names>

MyHeritage Publishes the Scotland Census, 1841-1901, with 24 Million Records

We are pleased to announce the publication of the Scotland Census, comprised of 7 collections with 24 million records from the years 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, and 1901. These collections are important, as they offer important details about Scottish ancestors not often found in other vital record collections, such as occupation information and residential addresses. If you are seeking more information on your Scottish ancestors, these collections are invaluable. The Scotland Census collections on MyHeritage are index-only and do not include the scanned documents.

Read more at:

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/09/myheritage-publishes-the-scotland-census-1841-1901-with-24-million-records>

Our grid is out of control - only nuclear can wrestle it back

Getting Hinkley Point C operational, Sizewell C approved, and Sizewell B extended is a minimum requirement

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/our-grid-is-out-of-control-only-nuclear-can-wrestle-it-back>

The 42nd Scottish Press Awards

By Hamish MacKey of the Scottish Review

Read more at:

<https://www.scottishreview.net/HamishMackay588a.html>

No more: Women demand action as 7,000 domestic violence cases languish in court limbo
Thousands of domestic violence cases are trapped in Scotland's courts logjam, we can reveal, as the country's justice system is again accused of failing to protect women from the violence of men.

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/domestic-violence-cases-in-limbo-scotland/>

Governor General to Visit Germany

At the request of the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Their Excellencies the Right Honourable Mary May Simon, Governor General of Canada, and Mr. Whit Fraser will undertake a State visit to the Federal Republic of Germany from October 17 to October 21, 2021, which will include stops in Berlin and Frankfurt

Read more at:

<https://www.gg.ca/en/media/news/2021>

David MacMillan: Being Scottish helped me win Nobel Prize

Prof David MacMillan, who is from North Lanarkshire, told the BBC that growing up in Scotland meant he learned how to convey ideas quickly.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-58828279>

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Thoughts on a Sunday morning - the 3rd day of October 2021

By the Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26096-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-3rd-day-of-october-2021>

The Cariboo Trail

A Chronicle of the Gold-fields of British Columbia by Agnes C. Laut. (1916) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/bc/TheCaribootrail.pdf>

The Buffalo Lake Métis Site

A Late Nineteenth Century settlement in the Parkland of Central Alberta (1988) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/buffalolakemtis.pdf>

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Beth's Video Talks

Beth has another video for you for October 6th 2021 - Advertising your Highland Games

You can watch this at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/bnft>

MyHeritage

Learn more about our Scottish records at this Facebook Live with Chris Paton! on YouTube.

You can watch this at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_n0FbzORKA

Old Scottish Volcanoes

An article by Professor James Geikie LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.n (1907) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/geikie/scottishvolcanoes.pdf>

Escape to the Perfect Town - Ayr, Scotland

I added this video to the page as it does show quite a bit of Ayr and a few homes in the area. Added it towards the end of our page on Ayr at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/ayr/index.htm>

Love the fulfilling of the Law

Extracts from the Writings and MSS. of the Late Norman MacLeod, D.D., selected and arranged by his daughter A.C. MacLeod (1887) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/macleod/lovelawmacleod.pdf>

Scot's Badge Medallion

Picture provided by Garry Gianotti. This was found in the USA when digging a site where hundreds of other badges and buttons have been found. Just 10 minutes away from the works of the engraver, Robert Scott. Likely dated around c1750.

Very early link to Odd Fellows.

Look at this medal and read more about it at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/articles/scotdbadgemedaallion.html>

Lossiemouth video

A new video shows you some of the shops, bars and restaurants on a bright sunny day. Added this video to the foot of our Lossiemouth page at:

<https://electricScotland.com/lossiemouth/index.htm>

Ancient Scottish Weapons

A series of drawings by James Drummond R.S.A. with Introduction and descriptive notes by Joseph Anderson (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/articles/ScottishWeapons.pdf>

Scottish Place-Names and Scottish Saints

By Ralph Richardson

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/lifestyle/scottishplacenames.pdf>

Scottish science fiction

Writing Scottish literature back into history by Gavin Miller (2009) (pdf)

You can read more at:

<https://electricScotland.com/lifestyle/scottishsciencefiction.pdf>

Story

Lands and Lairds of Larbert and Dunipace Parishes
By John Charles Gibson (1908)

Mr. Gibson informs us that this is the first instalment of a work on estates and their owners in the parishes of Larbert and Dunipace. In this instance he has succeeded in giving us a very interesting account, which is a good deal more than a bare genealogy of the various owners of the lands. Several families notable in Scottish history have been connected with Dunipace. The Umfravilles are the earliest mentioned, and held the superiority until their forfeiture in the reign of Robert the Bruce. They and other possessors, on various occasions from 1190 onwards, gifted portions of the lands to the Abbey of Cambuskenneth, which eventually seems to have acquired the whole. In 1495 the Abbey sold the lands to the Livingstones, a younger branch of the Callendar family. The second laird of this family was an Extraordinary Lord of Session under the title of Lord Dunipace. His grandson, Sir John Livingstone, the fourth laird, was father of Jean Livingstone, Lady Warristoun, who was executed in 1600 for the murder of her husband, John Kincaid of Warristoun. Sir John Livingstone, sixth of Dunipace, sold the lands in 1634 to Sir Robert Spottiswoode, second son of the Archbishop. He was an Extraordinary Lord of Session, first under the title of Lord New Abbey, but afterwards as Lord Dunipace. He sold Dunipace in 1643, two years before his execution after Philiphaugh. The lands then passed through various hands, and were eventually purchased in 1677 by Sir Archibald Primrose of Dalmeny, who settled the estate on the sons of his eldest daughter, the wife of Sir John Foulis of the Account Book (printed by the Scottish History Society, 1894), from which Mr. Gibson gives some interesting extracts. Sir Archibald Foulis Primrose of Dunipace, grandson of Sir John Foulis, was 'out in the '45', and was executed in 1746. His estate was forfeited and was acquired in 1755 by James Spottiswood, ancestor of the present proprietor.

A. W. Gray Buchannan.

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/stirlingshire/dunipace.pdf>

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And that's it for this week and hope you all have a great weekend and wishing our Canadian readers a Happy Thanksgiving weekend.

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