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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for July 11th, 2025

Electric Scotland News

MyHeritage

In June 2025, MyHeritage published 1.25 billion historical records across 21 new and updated collections. These collections are Australia, Canada, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The collections include census records, burial records, and extensive newspaper archives. Many of these collections feature images.

Read more about this at:

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2025/07/myheritage-adds-1-25-billion-historical-records-in-june-2025>

My take on the Trump Presidency so far.

It's my view that if Donald Trump had imposed a 10% Tariff on all products then America would have done ok. However as he keeps changing his mind about imposing them and changing his mind on the level of tariffs it is making it very difficult for companies both in America and around the world to know what to do.

Also he is right to ask for better contributions on NATO spending from NATO members but he's also attacking all of them on tariffs.

From what I am seeing he's lost the trust of all countries around the world and has forced them all to change the way they deal with the USA.

It takes 10 years to build a new Aluminum plant and it needs a huge amount of power. In Canada we have a huge amount of clean hydro to power such plants so it really makes sense to continue to rely on Canada to supply that.

So from what I am seeing most countries are turning away from America and choosing to work with other countries rather than the USA. This means that America is going to see shortages of critical minerals and other products as well as price increases in most products. I see airlines are starting to switch from Boeing to Airbus and also in defence moving to other suppliers.

In agriculture countries that used to get their crops from the USA are switching to Brazil, Mexico and Canada.

Also the USA seems to be backing Russia which is not good for the world order and is problematic. Given that the USA told Ukraine that if they gave up their nuclear weapons they'd support them and then not doing so is also a problem.

So... from what I can see the USA has lost the trust of the world and so is going to have to go it alone and so we'll have to see how that plays out.

The fact that the USA has actually lost the last three wars in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan and Ukraine is showing how to fight with new technology which means that cheap drones can now defeat a country like Russia shows that having a large navy is not going to do much for you.

We're also seeing the Dollar weaken against a basket of currencies and the BRICS nations are expanding meaning the

Dollar is under threat of losing its reserve status. Countries around the world have been selling off their Dollar holdings and not buying new Dollar bonds which means that borrowing is going to cost more. I note that one history professor is saying that when you spend more on interest to pay your debts than you do on defence the writing is on the wall.

On tourism I can see a reduction on people visiting America but I also wonder how Americans will be received if they decide to take a foreign holiday?

So... I'm really sorry but I think we're seeing the start of the decline in the American Empire. It's a trust issue really.

I will say that I'm very wary of reading and watching so called press reports on social media so I'm more focused on the persons that report their findings rather than AI generated content.

Feel free to let me have your thoughts on this but on the whole I am not sure how the world is going to move. Does China take over? Will India make a move? Will the EU make a move and how about Africa and the South American countries? And of course will Canada become the new super power?

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers

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 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.

Here is what caught my eye this week...

Ukraine's Revolutionary ACOUSTIC Weapon STUNS Even NATO
From The Military Show 1.76M subscribers

Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/VdOK8RvT7lc?si=9cwQJxmk7jp00zQ>

Scotland's Addiction Policy: Madness Disguised as Compassion
By Annemarie Ward

Read more at:

<https://substack.com/inbox/post/167701021>

This NEW Rolls-Royce Engine Revolutionize The Entire Aviation Industry
Rolls-Royce has just unveiled a game-changing aviation engine that could rewrite everything we thought we knew about air travel. This isn't just another upgrade it's a complete redesign of propulsion technology that could make current aircraft obsolete. From ultra-efficient hybrid systems to zero-emission hydrogen innovations, Rolls-Royce is pushing boundaries no one expected — and the impact is massive. Lower fuel costs, quieter operation, and breakthrough speeds are just the beginning.

Watch this at:

https://youtu.be/1rB_uWtxOV8?si=Vor12hCFlg-LWQMj

Our indifference towards Africa is a gift to China

Many of today's exploited child labourers are freelance 'artisanal miners' working in Africa. Digging for cobalt, they earn as little as a dollar a day, in dangerous, squalid conditions. China has been tightening its grip on this market, and it's time the West stopped turning a blind eye to this barbaric practice and took action.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/the-mines-of-the-democratic-republic-of-congo>

Large and ancient farmers' hall unearthed in Angus

Archaeologists have discovered the remains of a large and complex hall where some of Scotland's first farmers

gathered for festivities. Evidence of the timber-built building was uncovered at the site of new football pitches in Carnoustie in Angus.

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/C6fQC>

Conrad Black: The West dominates. Don't believe lies to the contrary
This is hardly a civilization in decline

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/jKJN8>

Are Trump's tariffs causing the US to collapse from within?

A week before the 90 day pause expires on his so-called reciprocal tariffs, Four Corners dives into the chaos created by Donald Trump's trade policy.

Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/VmClr-GkH7E?si=X1kvpEvN6Aeu1iRz>

Acclaimed Historian Niall Ferguson on the Damage of Tariff Uncertainty

Buckle your seatbelts! Renowned historian Niall Ferguson warns tariff uncertainty is cascading through the economy and will eventually hit the markets.

Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/toxuArREjwk?si=bemnUisloByG5MUU>

Historian Niall Ferguson on the Challenges to America's Global Dominance

We discuss the new challenges facing America's economic and military dominance, as well as what they mean for investors.

Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/xhXr-srm8JU?si=HyuGQpt0I9Phlarf>

US President Donald Trump to visit Scotland later this month

The US Commander-in-Chief is expected to make a business trip to Scotland to formally open a second golf course at the Menie Estate.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/president-donald-trump-visit-scotland-35527674>

Could taxpayer-funded public diners be revived?

Campaigners have called for the return of subsidised civic restaurants which would provide cheap, nutritious meals in a bid to improve the nation's health. Thousands of diners were supported by the government and operated throughout the UK until the 1960s.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cnvm299d5m1o>

The struggle for control of the Arctic is accelerating - and riskier than ever

By Gordon Corera, BBC security analyst.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-f92bc043-3893-4688-8937-fd9cad8b0d5b>

China's electric cars are becoming slicker and cheaper - but is there a deeper cost?

In China, they call it the Seagull, and it has looks to match. It is sleek and angular, with bright, downward-slanting headlights that have more than a hint of mischievous eyes about them.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy8d4v69jw6o>

Why I'll never forget Cartoonland's Glen Michael
Showbusiness writer Brian Beacom pays a personal tribute to the man who introduced generations of Scots to the delights of Cartoonland.

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/Ma2O3>

Electric Canadian

Canada's Champion Regimental Band

A Critical Study of the Musicianship of the Band of the 85th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F., Nova Scotia Highlanders. An Essay in the Appreciation of Martial and of Concert Music by J. D. Logan, M.A., (Dal. Univ.), Ph.D., (Harvard Univ.) Private in 85th Oventaa Battalion, C. E. F. (1916) (pdf)

You can read this at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/novascotia/cihm_77953.pdf

Skookum Chuck Fables

Bits of History, through the microscope (some of which appeared in the Ashcroft Journal) by Skookum Chuck

You can read this book at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/bc/skookumchuckfabl00cummuoft.pdf>

A Sketch of the Life of the Late G. W. Campbell, A.M., M.D., LL.D.

Late Dean of the Medical Faculty, and a Summary of the History of the Faculty, being the Introductory address of the fiftieth session of the Medical Faculty of M'Gill University by R.P. Howard, M.D., L.R.C.S.E, Professor of Theory and Praictice of Medicine, and Dean of the Medical Fnculty (1882) (pdf)

You can read this sketch at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/cihm_01541.pdf

The Canadian Navy

Speech delivered by Lt.-Col. MacDonald, M.P. of Pictou, N.S., December 1st 1910 (pdf)

You can read his speech at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/canadiannavyspee00macd.pdf>

Canada

Painted by T. Mower Martin, R.C.A., described by Wilfred Campbell, LL.D. (1907) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/canadacam00campuoft.pdf>

The British Dominions in North America

Or A Topographical and Statistical Description of the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, The Islands of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, and Cape Breton including considerations on Land-Granting and Emigration to which are annexed, statistical tables and tables of distances, &c. by Joseph Bouchette, Esq., Surveyor General of Lower Canada, Lieut. Colonel C.M., Vice President of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and Corresponding Member of the Society of Arts, London in two volumes (1832)

You can read these volumes at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/BritishDominions.htm>

Beyond the Hills of Dream
Poems By W. Wilfred Campbell (1900) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/poetry/beyondhillsofdre00camp_0.pdf

A Beautiful Rebel
A Romance if Upper Canada in eighteen hundred and twelve by Wilfred Campbell (1909) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/pioneering/beautifulrebelro00camp.pdf>

William Kurelek Life & Work
By Andrew Kear (2017) (pdf)

You can learn about him at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/Art-Canada-Institute_William-Kurelek.pdf

My Canadian Experience
Making a start of the July 2025 entry.

You can read my thoughts and watch the videos at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/canada_add23.htm

Canadian War Cuts & Clippings
Historical Records of the Black Watch 1932 (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/clips.htm>

The Story of the Tenth Canadian Battalion 1914 -1917
By J. A. Holland (pdf)

You can read this history at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/10thcanadian.pdf>

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Added a video I just watched about Steve Marsh visiting and walking around Halifax. Added it to the foot of our Nova Scotia page at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/novascotia/index.htm>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 6th day of July 2025 - Partying
By The Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26632-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-the-6th-day-of-july-2025-partying>

Elliot Lake's Rise, Fall, and Reinvention in Northern Ontario
Added a new video about Elliot Lake to their page at:
<http://www.electriccanadian.com/canada/elliottndx.htm>

The Beaver Magazine
Added No. 3 Outfit 258 December 1927 (pdf)

You can read this issue at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/TheBeaverDecember1927.pdf>

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The Fifty-First in France

By Captain Robert B. Ross (1918) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/fiftyfirstinfran00ross.pdf>

The Duke of Albany's Own Highlanders

A novel by James Grant (1881) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/dukealbanysovnh00grangoog.pdf>

A Defence of the Scots Highlanders

In General; and some learned characters, in particular: with a new and satisfactory account of the Picts, Scots, Fingal, Ossian, and his poems; as also of the Macs, Clans, Bodotria and several other particulars respecting the high antiquities of Scotland by the Rev. John Lanne Buchanan (1794) (pdf)

This is an old book and hence the usual issue of s being written as an f. You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/defenceofscotshi00buch.pdf>

Britain and the ECHR

Past myths, present problems and future options by The Rt Hon The Lord Lilley (pdf)

You can read this report at:

https://electricScotland.com/independence/sip/CPS_britain_and_the_ECHR.pdf

The Debt of Our Country to the American Highlanders During the War

By Secretary C. J. Ryder (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/america/south/debtfourcountry00ryde.pdf>

The Loyal Mountaineers of Tennessee

By Thomas William Humes, S. T. D. (1888) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/america/south/loyalmountaineer00hume.pdf>

The Black Watch at Ticonderoga

By Frederick B. Richards, A. B., Glens Falls, N. Y. (1906) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/bwatch/blackwatchattico00rich.pdf>

Account of the Life, Actions, and Conduct of Dr. Archibald Cameron

Brother to Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Chief of that Clan (pdf)

You can read this at:

https://electricScotland.com/webclans/atoc/an-historical-account-of_1753.pdf

Lines by Captain Alexander Gordon Cowie

Seaforth Highlanders (Died of wounds)

You can read this poem at:

<https://electricscotland.com/poetry/lines.htm>

James Robertson

Story of Scotland's unlikeliest secret agent, a stout, merry little monk who helped in fight against Napoleon (pdf)

You can read this article at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bible/james-robertson.pdf>

The Seventy-Ninth Highlanders

New York Volunteers in the War of Rebellion 1861-1865 by William Todd (of Company B) (1886) (pdf)

You can learn about them at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/america/79th.pdf>

A Book of Highland Minstrelsy

By Mrs. D. Ogilvy (1846) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/poetry/abookhighlandmi00ogilgoog.pdf>

Historical Records of the British Army

This is an external link to a page on the Internet Archive where you will find lots of books on the British Army by Richard Cannon.

You can go there at:

<https://archive.org/search?query=creator:%22Cannon,+Richard,+1779-1865%22>

Historical Records of the British Army

Comprising the History of every Regiment in Her Majesty's Service by Richard Cannon Esq., Adjutant General's Office, House Guards, Historical Records of the Seventy-Second Regiment or The Duke of Albany's Own Highlanders to 1848. (pdf)

You can read this at;

<https://electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/72nd.pdf>

Scotch Whisky Twin Hopes of Tax Burden Boost from Trump Visit & UK Government

An article by Bill Magee.

You can read this article at:

<https://electricscotland.com/magee/article0034.htm>

The Fifty-Second (Lowland) Division 1914-1918

By Lieut.-Col. R. R. Thompson, M.C. McGill CT., C.O.T.C, Canadian Militia, Late Captain 1/5 Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (1923) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/52ndLowlandDivision.pdf>

The Forty-Eighth Highlanders

A poem by Lillie A. Brooks (1915)

You can read this poem at:

<https://electricscotland.com/poetry/48thHighlanders.htm>

Lily Maxwell

How a working-class woman from Scotland changed political history forever by Rachel Amery

You can read this article at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/women/lilly-maxwell.htm>

The Highlanders

A tale by Felix M'Donogh in three volumes (1824)

You can read these volumes at:

<https://electricscotland.com/lifestyle/thehighlanders.htm>

Story

Domestick History 1740 from The Scots Magazine

THE severity of the late storm caused a general stagnation of trade. Many ships were frozen up in harbours, the roads in some parts were very dangerous, and most of the mills having been stopt, occasion'd a great scarcity of meal and flower in some places. Such mills as had a sufficient quantity of water, were obliged to be wrought on the Sabbath-days. Many poor mechanicks, particularly journeymen shoemakers, being uncapable to work, the recruiting Serjeants, like true patriots, taking advantage of every circumstance to serve their King and country, have been very industrious in enlisting them into the marine regiments. Some people have been found starved, and several frozen to death. At London, coals rose to 3l. 10s. per chaldron; and the damage among the shipping between the Medway and London-bridge is computed at 100,000l. Flocks of ducks, pigeons and coots were found on the ice on the Kent and Essex shores, perish'd with cold or hunger. Vast quantities of fish, especially eels, were found frozen to death on the banks of the Severn, near Thornbury in Gloucestershire, and flocks of crows resorted thither to feed on them. In Suffolk wild-geese and other birds devoured the winter-corn close to the earth for the space of many acres. In Hertfordshire numbers of oaks were riven by the frost, and split into the solid timber as far as a case-knife could be thrust.— At Tanfield coallery the embers spreading to some straw, the flames catch'd hold of two casks of oil; this set fire to the coal, which burnt with so much violence, and rarified the air to such a degree, that by a plentiful supply of fresh air from fourteen adjacent pits, that pit was changed into a most terrible volcano, thundering out eruptions of large and hot cynders to an incredible height and distance. It continued seven hours, but the pits being all ordered to be cover'd at top, to exclude the external air, the flames ceased above, but the fire was not extinguished below.

I've also made available Volume 2 for you to read. Mind that at this date the letter s was substituted for the letter f so a wee bit challenging to read. That said there are many references to matters throughout the world including America so worth a study. In particular, on Page 482 is an account of a riot in Edinburgh on October 27th, 1740 by the order of the Magistrates.

You can download the file from:

https://electricscotland.com/history/articles/The_Scots_Magazine02.pdf

Also if you go to our page about the Scots Magazine you can also read The Scots Magazine 1746-03 Volume 8. This issue provides an account of the fighting in Scotland. It is hard to read but if you are into studying the Battle of Culloden then worth the effort.

You can get to our page about them at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/articles/scotsmagazine.htm>

END.

Weekend is almost here and hope it's a good one for you.

Alastair